

STRIKING BAATIL

"In reality, We (Allah) strike baatil (falsehood) with the Haq. It then smashes out the brains of baatil. And, lo, it (baatil) suddenly disappears."
(Qur'aan)

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THE BAND OF HAQ

"There will ever remain a band from my Ummah fighting on the Haq until the Day of Qiyaamah. Those who oppose them and those who do not aid them, will not be able to harm them."
(Hadith)

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GAZA - BRUTAL ISRAELI MASSACRE

DESPITE THE latest massive Israeli invasion of Gaza in which dozens of Palestinians, including babies and children were mercilessly murdered by the troops of the aggressor, the fighters of Hamas valiantly defended. While Israel has admitted to the death of two of its soldiers, according to other sources there were a number of Israeli casualties. As usual, the enemy always minimizes its losses and setbacks to maintain the morale of its troops and people.

The heavy toll of the violence and acts of terrorism perpetrated by the Israeli invaders constrained even the enemies of Hamas, namely, the Fatah group, who has entered into an unholy alliance with America and Israel, to vociferously condemn the Israeli marauders. Even in the West Bank, demonstrations were staged by the Fatah followers who had thrown in their lot with the U.S.A. and Israeli in their joint nefarious conspiracy to bring Hamas to its knees so that Gaza could also be included in the master plan which the conspirators have engineered for the Middle East.

In a charade to woo the Muslims of

Gaza and in a hollow display of solidarity, the president of the decrepit Palestinian Authority suspended 'peace' talks with Israel. On another note, some Arab states, in another farcical display of solidarity requested the UN's security council to condemn the killings in Gaza. While they attempt to bark like toothless dogs and advertise their hypocritical feelings and hollow voices of protest, they all are cogs in the conspiracy to throttle the Muslims of Gaza into submission. For the past few months, all these Arab states with their kuffaar governments have participated in the Israeli blockade of Gaza. They are all complicit in the conspiracy. The starving of their brethren and children in Gaza, and the heart-rending miseries inflicted by the total blockade did not stir any brotherly feeling nor any Imaani chord in their hearts. Their supine and hypocritical call to the security council does not in any way alleviate the misery of the Muslims of Gaza nor in any way constitute aid for them.

Despite their ludicrous calls to gain a UN condemnation of the current wave of murders and atrocities by Israel, these Arab governments who are all surro-

gates of America, have failed to achieve even this stupid concession from their western masters. The U.S.A. and the European countries have repeatedly vetoed such stupid resolutions. They are not prepared to accommodate their surrogates with even such wholly ineffective paper support in exchange for the billions and billions of dollars of oil revenue which the U.S.A. siphon off from the Arab oilfields to sustain its bankrupt economy.

Israeli aircraft mercilessly pounded the homes of civilians in the current campaign of brutality unleashed against the Muslims of Gaza.

Besides the dozens of Muslims killed, mainly civilians, hundreds were injured and large areas of homes reduced to rubble. However, the Israeli aggressors did not find its murderous assault going unchallenged. Intense and ferocious battles have been taking place between the vastly superior Israeli army and the comparatively speaking ill-equipped Hamas fighters. Israeli soldiers backed by aircraft and tanks were confronted by Hamas Mujahideen with detonating land mines, heavy machine gun, mortar-firing and assault rifles.

In defiance of the brutal Israeli assault, Muslim fighters maintained a steady stream of rocket and mortar attacks on Israeli targets. Just in one day, at the height of the Israeli invasion, Hamas fired 50 rockets which reached as far as the Israeli coastal city, Ashkelon.

In the streets, dying civilians were heard reciting the Kalimah loudly during their final moments. As helpless and hopeless as the Ummah is, it is the duty of every Muslim to at least remember the suffering and brutalized Muslims of Gaza and to supplicate fervently to Allah Ta'ala for the destruction of the enemy and for the amelioration of the heart-rending plight of our brothers, sisters and children who are suffering under the grinding yoke of Israeli brutality aided by the kuffaar governments of the Arab states who have all been enlisted and conscripted by the U.S.A. in the satanic plot to starve Gaza into submission. May Allah Ta'ala have mercy on this down-trodden humiliated Ummah, and may the enemy suffer a crushing defeat and humiliation.

HAMAS DEFIANT

HAMAS LEADER, Khalid Mashaal, in Syria described the current Israeli attack against the civilian population of Gaza as "the real Holocaust". "With Allah's help, we shall fight them. We shall fight them like lions. I accuse the president of the Palestinian Authority for legitimizing this holocaust in Gaza."

Hamas has remained defiant and has vowed to continue the battle against the Israeli marauders. All Muslims are obliged to make dua for the victory of their brethren. It is indeed a large measure of Allah's aid that has enabled Hamas, despite its spiritual deficiencies, to withstand the crippling effects of the total blockade and the murderous military assault of the vastly superior Israeli army which outnumber and outgun the Hamas fighters. There is simply no comparison to scale the disproportionate strengths of the adversaries. After 60 years of fighting, the Israeli army with all the aid of its American ally has hopelessly failed to tame the Muslim fighters of Palestine.

The resolute defiance of 60 years against overwhelming odds and unimaginable horrors and massacres by the Israeli army is a sure sign of Divine Aid. Although there is no outright vic-

tory for the Muslim fighters, Allah Ta'ala has not permitted their elimination. They remain a potent force to be reckoned with. Israel had learnt a memorable lesson the hard way in its recent invasion of Lebanon. Insha'Allah, it shall gain another lesson in Gaza.

Outright victory for Muslims is not reliant on numerical superiority of forces nor on abundance of sophisticated weaponry. The victory which the Qur'aan promises the Mu'mineen can be achieved only on the foundation of moral excellence and spiritual power which in turn are the products of strict obedience to the Shariah and meticulous emulation of the Sunnah of Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam). Allah Ta'ala declares in the Qur'aan Shareef:

"O People of Imaan! If you aid (the Deen of) Allah, He will aid you, and plant your feet firmly (against your enemies)."

"If He aids you, there will then be none to vanquish you. And, if He withdraws His aid from you, then who can aid you besides Him?"

THE INTERFAITH MENACE AND DECEPTION

IT IS reported that Pope Benedict has welcomed and blessed "the creation of a permanent instrument of dialogue between Catholic and Muslim theologians and religious figures." From 4th to 6th November 2008, the first such dialogue program will be held in Rome between representatives of the Pope and a five member delegation representing the 'moderate wing of Islam'.

'THE STRAY ONES'

While the claim is that the modernist theologians represent the 'moderate wing of Islam', it has been stupidly claimed in the same breath that this five-member delegation representing the so-called 'moderate wing of Islam' will represent 'almost all the trends of Islam'. The absurdity of the self-contradictory claim is manifest. The alleged objective of these seminars is to find common ground at the "interfate of faiths", and to "redirect the stray ones". The 'stray ones' in the understanding of the Pope and the obsequious, spineless conglomerate of so-called representatives of 'almost all trends of Islam', are the followers of the Sunnah - those who perform Salaat, fast, pay Zakaat, observe Hijaab,

grow beards, wear Islamic dress and whose gaze is focused on the Hereafter. Those Muslims who refuse to compromise the Tauheed of Islam by accepting a 'validity' professed for kufr and shirk, are the 'stray ones' who have to be 'redirected' into the American camp to lick the boots of Bush & Co. The 'stray ones' are all those whom the Americans describe as 'fundamentalists' and 'terrorists'.

EVIL THEOLOGIAN

The conglomerate of spineless so-called 'theologians' - ulama-e-soo' of the worst order, compromisers of Tauheed, with their colonized brains dulled by all the influences of their western masters, do not represent Islam. They are not the representatives of the Ummah. Only Zindeeqs of like thinking, support this spineless group of errant 'theologians' who have betrayed Allah, Islam and the Ummah. The claim that these spineless deceits represent 'all trends of Islam' is a massive lie fabricated to mislead ignorant fools and morons who are unable to distinguish between Islam and kufr.

Resolutions adopted by the con-

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WHAT IS A VALID JIHAD

Question: *A Maulana in his lecture claimed that Jihad is not permissible in this age because of the moral corruption of Muslims, including those who are waging Jihad. Due to the depraved moral state of Muslims, Jihad is not valid. Please comment.*

UNTIL QIYAAMAH
Answer: Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) said: “*Jihad will endure until the Day of Qiyaamah.*” Jihad is a valid institution of Islam in the same way as Salaat, Saum, Hajj, Zakaat, Acquisition of Islamic Knowledge, Earning a halaal Rizq and all the other numerous acts of the Deen. Perhaps you did not understand correctly the *naseehat* of the Maulana. It is difficult to accept that he had claimed that Jihad is not valid in this era or that the validity of Jihad is conditional with moral reformation. We would like to believe that you had misunderstood the Maulana, and that he had in fact said that without moral purification the Jihad will not be successful.

ROOHAANIYAT
Success and victory are dependant on moral purification and spiritual elevation. Minus *Roohaaniyat* there will be no victory. This is precisely the prevalent situation. While Jihad is be-

ing waged in some countries, the Mujahideen are not obtaining the desired victory. This is due to the lack of the degree of *Nusrat* (*Divine Aid*) necessary to rout the forces of shaitaan and for clear victory. Despite this, Jihad is valid even if moral reformation has not been attained in the same way as Salaat will be valid even if a corrupt Muslim performs it. In fact, a man’s moral depravity does not absolve him of his Islamic duties. While the immoral man’s ibaadat and other Deeni and mundane acts will be shorn of barkat and success, he nevertheless has to practise his duties and obligations.

SHUROOT
The validity of an act depends on the fulfilment of its requisite *fiqhi shuroot* (conditions). Thus, if an immoral Muslim performs Wudhu, dons clean garments, faces the Qiblah and performs Salaat observing the *Faraaidh* of the Salaat, then the Salaat will be valid. The *Fardh* obligation will be discharged even if this immoral *faasiq* omits all the *Wajib* and *Masnoon* acts from his Salaat. The essential requisite for the validity of any Deeni act is the observance of all the *fiqhi shuroot*.

If, for example, a learned, pious Muslim who is a citizen of a non-

Muslim country, gathers a group of Muslims and wages ‘jihad’ against the government of that country, then such ‘jihad’ will not be valid. It will be an unlawful act -- a treacherous act in terms of the Shariah. The *fiqhi shuroot* for Jihad are not fulfilled in such an act of perceived ‘jihad’, hence it will neither be valid nor permissible. From this explanation it will be understood that despite the U.S.A. and Britain being countries of the *Daarul Harb* category, it is not permissible for the Muslim citizens of these states to engage in any violent act or any treacherous act to displace or overthrow the governments. Furthermore, it is not permissible for the Muslim citizens of the non-Muslim country which is their abode of residence, to even assist the Mujahideen in any act of violence directed to overthrow the governments of the countries of which they are citizens. Muslim citizens in a non-Muslim country have given a pledge of loyalty. Violation of this pledge is prohibited in the Qur’aan. Thus, clandestine plots to foment violence are acts of treachery which are not permissible. Such activities cannot be classified as Jihad.

On the other hand, the fight of the Taliban in Afghanistan, the fight of the

Mujahideen in Iraq, the fight of Hamas in Palestine, the fight of the Chechens in Chechnya and the fight of the Mujaahideen (the so-called Islamists) in Somalia are valid acts of Jihad within the scope of Rasulullah’s proclamation: “*Jihad will endure until the Day of Qiyaamah.*” Even if the Mujaahideen in these lands of Islam have not attained the requisite moral and spiritual base which is imperative for victory, the Jihad will be valid.

The issue of failure or not achieving the desired clear cut victory, is another question. This belongs to the moral realm. As long as Muslims do not morally purify and spiritually develop themselves, victory will not be achieved. But this does not detract from the validity of Jihad.

Thousands of soldiers in the army of the great Sultan Salaahuddin (rahmatullah alayh) were morally depraved. In fact, their moral depravity caused profound grief to the great Sultan. These soldiers were the cause of setbacks, failure and even defeat. At times they were rebellious with their eyes focussed on only booty. Nevertheless, no one may dare suggest that the wars waged by this great and illustrious Sultan of Islam were not valid Jihad campaigns.

HONEY FOR YOUR COUGH

(*New York Times*)
“A spoonful of honey might quiet a child’s cough more effectively and safely than the most common over-the-counter cough medicine. Researchers tested 105 childrenUsing questionnaires filled out by parents, the scientists measured cough frequency and severity, and the effect on the children’s and parents’ sleep. By all measures, honey provided the greatest relief.

Honey, the authors wrote in the December 2007 issue of *The Archives of Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine*,

has well-established antioxidant and antimicrobial effects.

In October 2007, a Food and Drug Administration advisory panel recommended a ban on over-the-counter cold medicine, including some brands containing dextro-methorphan, intended for children under age 6.

Dr. Ian M. Paul, the lead author and an associate professor of pediatrics at Penn State, said that parents should consider honey “as an alternative to cough medicine for children over age 1”. In rare cases, honey can cause infantile botulism in children under 1.”

THE PEOPLE OF INTELLIGENCE

“Verily, in the creation of the heavens and the earth, and in the alternation of night and day, there are undoubtedly signs for the People of Intelligence. They (the people of intelligence) are those who remember

Allah while standing, sitting and while lying on their sides, and they meditate on the creation of the heavens and the earth.” (Qur’aan)

“PARABIOSIS IS a widely performed, traditional operation that artificially creates Siamese twins by surgically uniting two or more animals.. This operation besides being utterly senseless in itself even if it were to succeed, has forever been doomed to failure.....What the animals subjected to this unnatural operation must go through may be gathered from the following instructions of Austrian Prof.H.Pieiffer of Graz: “As the animals that have been surgically united have a tendency, especially in the first hours, to attack each other, inflicting sometimes mortal injuries, this can be prevented by sewing the cheek of each animal to the corresponding front paw by means of a strong silk thread, so tightly that the mouths of the two animals can neither reach each other nor bite.”

In the first experiments, after being sewn together by the skin, the animals were tied to each other for several days with twine. But the animals managed to

to get free, tearing the skin. So they were sewn together also by the muscles and the belly. The animals managed to tear themselves free just the same, lacerating the tissues and the peritoneum and spilling the innards. So the animals were totally immobilized with a plaster cast. This didn't work either: “It was surprising to see how quickly, even if a padding was used, the animals developed deformations of the chest, which probably in many cases were responsible for their death.” So wrote a German experimenter, Dr. J. Froschbach.

“Of a cat that was giving no more signs of life, Weinhold filled the cranial and spinal cavities with an amalgam of mercury, tin and silver. After 20 seconds the cat showed such a vital tension that it raised its head, opened its eyes, stood staring, tried to crawl forward, toppled on its side, struggled back to its feet, then collapsed, exhausted. Meanwhile blood circulation and pul-

sation were lively, even when Weinhold cut open the animal's chest and stomach. In another cat Weinhold filled only the cranial cavity with the amalgam. He noticed that the pupil contracted and the cat evinced fright when approached by a flame, and it was startled and listened when the table was struck with a key.”

Skipping the rest of the 344 pages of this prize-winning treatise, we come to the Appendix, which relates an experiment performed at Copenhagen's Royal Museum of Natural History on rabbits by author Lund himself, in the presence of his teacher, Prof J. Reinhardt, to whom the book is gratefully dedicated. (Another vivisector dedicated a similar book to his mother.)

“First experiment: the rabbit's 7th pair of nerves was exposed on the left side. When the nerve was squeezed with tweezers, the animal evinced pain and contractions of the facial muscles.

This happened also in all the following cases, so I won't mention, it again. - Other results could not be observed, owing to the copious hemorrhage caused by the operation.

“Second experiment: the skull was opened and the left hemisphere was extracted. The fifth pair of nerves, covered by the outer layer, of the brain, was exposed and cut, while the animal was crying very loudly. Every sign of sensibility had disappeared. from the left side of the face, the left eye appeared dead and opaque, but not the right eye. The 7th pair of nerves was exposed on the left side. When the nerves were squeezed, jerks of the body and movements of the head clearly indicated pain . . .”

The experiments continue with remarkable regularity. Only the fifth does not succeed, because after the skull had been opened, the left hemisphere removed and the 5th pair had been cut, the stupid animal let down the scientist and passed on. (SLAUGHTER OF THE INNOCENT, BY HANS RUESCH)

A TASTE OF THEIR TORTURE

“SCHIZOPHRENIA IS the most frequent, but hardly the only mental illness that afflicts vivisectors. Claude Bernard, in his terminal years, suffered in addition from manic depression. A colleague of his, Prof. Blanchard, having become blind, kept seeing the eyes of the cats he had tortured staring at him from out of the dark, until he went out of his mind, and on his deathbed kept raving and imploring his family to remove all those eyes that surrounded him. And Flourens, Claude Bernard's successor, roamed during the final years of his life at night-time, howling and barking, like the dogs in his laboratory. “John Read As he lay dying in early middle life of cancer of the tongue, and the spreading cancer affected the very nerves he had so frequently experimented on, he

wrote: “This is a judgment on me for the pain I have inflicted on animals.”

(Slaughter of the Innocent by Hans Ruesch)

BUSH & CO, take note!

The prayers, cries and curses of millions of Muslims all over the world must assuredly rent the heavens asunder. The cruel and savage perpetrators will never escape these curses, neither in this worldly life nor in the Hereafter.

Schizophrenia is merely the introductory step or the prelude for the punishment which the torturers will horrendously suffer just as horrendously as they had perpetrated

their abominable acts of cruelty and barbarity on defenceless victims. The relatively speaking mild form of mental derangement known as Schizophrenia is common to all of these sadist torturers. It later gives way to total insanity. Then these vile savage torturers howl like dogs, bray like asses or rant and rave like mad rabid dogs, or they suffer the pangs of Hell-Fire in their ‘comas’.

THE PROMISE OF DIVINE AID

“Allah has promised those who have Imaan and practice deeds of righteousness that He will make them the rulers of the earth just as He had made rulers of those who went before them; and He will most certainly establish their Deen for them – that Deen which He has chosen for them; and He will most certainly change their fear with safety. They (the Mu'mineen) are such people who worship Me, and they do not associate with Me anything.”

(Qur'aan)

The promised Divine Aid (Nusrat) has a condition for its materialization. That condition stated in this aayat and in many Ahaadith is A'maal-e-Saaliyah (Deeds of Virtue) structured on the foundation of Imaan. And, the meaning of A'maal-e-Saaliyah is the deeds which were taught by Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) and practiced by his Sahaabah fourteen centuries ago.

THE DEEN

“(The Mu'mineen) are they – if We establish them in the earth (i.e. grant them political power), they establish Salaat, pay Zakaat, command virtue and prohibit vice. And for Allah (is the Decree) of the ultimate end of all affairs.”

(Qur'aan)

MR. SHARON – ALLAH'S ATHAAB

MR. SHARON, the onetime prime minister of Israel and the Butcher of countless thousands of Palestinian Muslims, still comatose after two years, has turned 80. Different people are celebrating his birthday in different ways. Lying in his two-year coma in a medical centre outside Tel Aviv, this merciless Butcher is undoubtedly suffering the horrors of Divine Chastisement. His soul dwells in another realm – in a world of punishment and torture of excruciating pain which those around him cannot perceive.

Allah Ta'ala has drawn the veil of the coma as a barrier between the suffering Mr. Sharon and his onlookers and medical team. Man is not only dead meat. He consists of a celestial substance, the soul, which transcends the material body and which is the activating and life force of the material body. While the body is covered by the veil of the coma, the soul is very much alert and undergoing all the Athaab which is the consequence of the prayers and curses of thousands of Muslim men, women and children who had suffered under the yoke of the tyranny and torture of Sharon.

Do the savages believe that the cries and curses of thousands of defenceless women who were raped, of children whose fingers were broken to prevent them from handling firearms when

they grow up; of men and women slaughtered by the brutes of Sharon's army; of people whose homes were bulldozed; of people who were expelled from their homes with their little ones – do they believe that the cries and curses of all these creations of Allah Ta'ala will go unanswered? Only an atheist could possibly labour under such a fallacious notion.

Mr. Sharon, since the past two years in his different world, is experiencing worse than the agonies which he and his armies had inflicted on the defenceless Palestinian Muslims. No man will ever escape the Divine Apprehension. Everything has an appointed time by Allah Ta'ala. When that appointed moment arrives, it is not delayed by a moment nor is respite of a moment given. Reminding the oppressors, tyrants, aggressors and torturers, the Qur'aan Majeed declares:

“And everyone We had apprehended on account of his sins. From among them are those against whom we sent violent storms (hurricanes, tornadoes, cyclones). And from among them are those whom the Mighty Scream caught. And from among them are those whom We caused the earth to swallow. And from among them are those whom we drowned.”

(Surah Ankabut, aayat 40)

GAGGED!

“Detainees have been warned on their release not to speak to anyone about their detention..... Another detainee told the judges he had been ordered by the police to give a false account of his detention and charges against him.”

(New York Times International)

This has been the fate of Khalid Rashid and numerous other detainees who were abducted and enforced into disappearance and into the hell-holes of America's torture centres around the world. Although Khalid has been released secretly, he has been gagged by the fear instilled into him. He refuses

to speak or to meet any of his former friends and acquaintances. All these cruel and unlawful abductions in which foreign agents usually participate have been made possible by the active co-operation and connivance of governments. Khalid Rashid's case is now a well-established infamous episode enacted in South Africa in compliance with Bush's command

It is clear that states which participate in these clandestine abduction conspiracies of the Bush administration have no true sovereignty. They are effective U.S.A. colonies. Colonialism has merely changed its face and style of operation.

Guantanamo Guards
Suffer Psychological
Trauma By James
Randerson

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WASHINGTON, DC - The guards at the Guantanamo Bay prison camp are the "overlooked victims" of America's controversial detention facility in Cuba, according to a psychiatrist who has treated some of them.

In some cases, a tour of duty at the camp has made guards suicidal and prompted a variety of psychiatric symptoms, from depression and insomnia to flashbacks. The guards' testimony also provides a harrowing insight into the treatment of prisoners. Professor John Smith, a retired US Air Force captain, treated a patient who was a guard at the camp. "I think the guards of Guantanamo are an overlooked group of victims," Smith told the American Academy of Forensic Sciences annual meeting in Washington DC on Saturday. "They do not complain a lot. You do not hear about them."

The patient ('Mr H') is a national guardsman in his early 40s who was sent to Guantanamo in the first months of its operation, when prisoners captured in Afghanistan were beginning to flood into the camp. Mr H reported that he found conditions at the camp extremely disturbing. For example, in the first month two detainees and two prison guards committed suicide.

Painful Positions

The taunts of prisoners and the things his superiors required him to do to them had a severe psychological

impact on Mr H. "He was called upon to bring detainees, enemy combatants, to certain places and to see that they were handcuffed in particularly painful and difficult positions, usually naked, in anticipation of their interrogation," said Smith.

On occasion he was told to make prisoners kneel, naked and handcuffed, on sharp stones. To avoid interrogation the prisoners would often rub their wounds afterwards to make them worse so that they would be taken to hospital.

Some of the techniques used by interrogators resulted in detainees defecating, urinating, vomiting and screaming. Mr H told Smith he felt profoundly guilty about his participation. "It was wrong what we did," he said.

The prisoners also threatened Mr H. "They would tell him they had networks of people throughout the world," said Smith. "If he did not take letters out and mail them then they would see to it that his family suffered the consequences."

Flashbacks and Depression

When he returned to the US he was suffering from panic attacks, insomnia, nightmares, flashbacks and depression. Another guard whom Smith treated described an incident in which a prisoner had hanged himself in his cell after partially gnawing his own arm off. The prisoner lost a substantial amount of blood but was cut down by guards and survived.

Amnesty International UK spokes-

person Neil Durkin pointed out that the psychological trauma inflicted on the Guantanamo inmates should not be overlooked. "With numerous suicide attempts and reports of Guantanamo prisoners on the edge of psychosis, we are extremely concerned that even those eventually released from the camp will be mentally scarred for the rest of their lives," he said. "Over 200 of the Guantanamo prisoners are now held in solitary confinement - and after years of detention without charge or trial this is taking a heavy toll."

There have been few scientific studies of the psychological effects of working as a prison guard, but classic experiments in the 1960s and 1970s showed how easy it is to prompt ordinary people to perpetrate extremely cruel acts given the right conditions.

In the so-called 'Stanford prison experiment' in 1971, college students were asked to act out roles as guards and detainees in a mock prison in the basement of the university's psychology department. Both groups quickly adapted to their roles and the guards became increasingly sadistic and cruel in their treatment of the prisoners. The results were so shocking the experiment was stopped early.

"It's not that we put bad apples in a good barrel. We put good apples in a bad barrel. The barrel corrupts anything that it touches," the experiment's author Dr Philip Zimbardo is quoted as saying on the American Psychological Association's website.

GUANTANAMO TORTURE

ENEMY FORCE 'SUICIDE BOMBINGS'

MANY ACTS of bombings in the war zones of Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan, in which civilians, including women and children are killed, are immediately claimed to be 'suicide' bombings related to 'Islamic militants', Al-Qaaidah and 'Islamic terrorists'. The targets of the Mujaahideen are army and other security forces and personnel. They do not intentionally attack civilians, women and children, for they are aware that Islam proscribes killing of women and children and those who are not cogs in the war machine of the kuffaar.

There is a third force - the enemy - who is responsible for many so-called 'suicide bombings'. One of the methods which the enemy employs for stirring up internecine fighting among different sectarian groups and organizations is by committing acts of murder and terror which are subtly manipulated to create the impression that a specific Muslim group is responsible. In Iraq, for example, the enemy rigs a vehicle with explosives, gets it parked in a Shiaah area in proximity to a Shiaah temple. The rigged vehicle is then detonated by remote control. It is then a simple issue to spread the word that the destruction was the perpetration of an Al-Qaaidah 'suicide' bomber. Meanwhile no such bomber was involved. In the mass of limbs and debris scattered in a wide area which is quickly cordoned off by the enemy forces, it is easy to claim the 'severed head' of the bomber has been found. Just any limb will be said to be that of the phantom 'suicide bomber'.

The same plot is repeatedly employed in Pakistan and Afghanistan. In order to create aversion for the Mujaahideen, the enemy detonates by remote control bombs in civilian areas. The carnage is then attributed to the Mujaahideen who have repeatedly stated that civilians are not among their targets.

Acts of terror are among the major strategies of the enemy in the wars against the Taliban and other Mujahideen. The enemy, notwithstanding its coalition of 38 nations, has miserably failed to tame the Taliban in Afghanistan. The American surrogate army of Pakistan, armed and trained by the U.S.A., has also failed to defeat the Pakistani Taliban in the battlefield. The pirates are therefore constrained to employ cowardly tactics of terrorism which they attribute to the Mujaahideen.

THE FLAMES kindled by the Laal Musjid (Red Mosque) conflagration some months ago, far from dying down as was expected by Musharraf of Pakistan, are burning with greater intensity. The Laal Musjid action was merely the fuse which has detonated an explosion which neither the Pakistani army nor the evil forces of the American coalition will succeed to extinguish.

In the aftermath of the gruesome massacre of about 1,500 female students and the destruction of the Madrasah premises, more than 2,000 people have been killed by ongoing violence. Of the 2,000 almost 1,000 are army and other security personnel. The tribal regions of Pakistan are ablaze with fighting between the Pakistani army and the Pakistani Taliban who are all

THE LAAL MUSJID CONFLAGRATION

supporters of the Laal Musjid.

It should be recalled that Musharraf at the behest and under command of Bush, had scuttled the peace agreement which Muslim elders had brokered to defuse the standoff between the Laal Musjid authorities and the government. The donkey-headed approach of intransigence adopted by Musharraf which led to the massacre of about 1,500 female students and about 100 males, was hailed as a 'victory' by the U.S.A. and Musharraf. But their shortsightedness and political naivety are shocking in the extreme. Instead of swallowing a little of his pride by honouring the peace agreement, Musharraf

who was telephonically commanded by Bush to storm the Musjid and massacre its occupants, entered into a tunnel and today he, his government and army are all mired in the darkness of that murderous tunnel with no sight of any light.

The violence is escalating. The destruction of the Laal Musjid and the massacre of the students merely constituted the first chapter in the struggle against the tyranny of the evil Pakistani forces handled by America. A number of Laal Musjid fronts have opened up in many areas of Pakistan. There is no sign of the escalating violence abating.

THE RED MOSQUE COMPLEX

AFTER THE storming of the Red Mosque in Islamabad by the Pakistani army and the massacre of its occupants, the entire Jamiah Hafsa (the girls madrasah complex) was demolished and raised to the ground. Today, the Musjid stands alone. There is not even a sign of the rubble of Jamiah Hafsa. Jamiah Fareediyah, which was the boys Madrasah operating under the administration of the Laal Musjid authorities, has been closed down by the evil Musharraf regime in defiance of the High Court's ruling.

The High Court in Islamabad had ordered that:

- The Islamabad municipality rebuild the Jamiah Hafsa complex at its own cost.
- Jamiah Fareediyah be reopened, and if the Madrasah authorities decide to convert it into a girls Madrasah, they are fully entitled to do so.

The Musharraf regime has ignored these court orders and has not allowed their implementation. The current Imamate of Laal Musjid is, however, not under control of the government. The government-appointed imam was booted out by the musallis.

AL-HAQ

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HONEY - A CURE

"There emerges from the bee's stomach a liquid of varying hues in which there is a cure for mankind." -- (Qur'aan)

BALKANIZATION OF PAKISTAN -- GOOD OR BAD?

Allah Azza Wa Jal says in the Qur'aan Majeed: *"They (the kuffaar) plot, and Allah (too) plots. And, Allah is the best of plotters."* He will thwart and foil the plots of the kuffaar. Elsewhere in the Qur'aan, Allah Ta'ala says: *"Not a leaf falls (from a tree), but Allah is aware."*

The American plot will run the course which Allah Ta'ala has ordained for it. When the appointed time arrives for its termination, we shall see the collapse of this plastic superpower.

Not an atom in creation moves, but with the direct intervention of Allah Ta'ala. There are no accidents in Allah's creation. Everything operates, moves and functions meticulously ac-

cording to the Divine Scheme. Man does not understand the Divine Operation. His gaze is therefore focused on only the material and worldly causes and its effects. Thus, we attribute this development to this cause and that development to that cause. Meanwhile, everything is the product and effect of the Divine Cause. It is Allah's Unseen Hand which operates the universe and every aspect of creation. The true Mu'min who is spiritually healthy, therefore, experiences no surprises, no despondency and no frustration. Whatever happens, he understands that it is Allah's Will.

While the expected Balkanization of Pakistan appears bad, in reality there is

goodness in it for the Ummah. Hitherto, Islam has not benefited in any way whatsoever by the existence of Pakistan or by the independence which the half a century of Muslim states have gained from their colonial masters. In fact, the condition of Muslims was relatively better under the colonial yoke than under the current yoke of atheism and kufr which the variety of evil governments have imposed on the Muslim masses.

Muslims will be not become any poorer if Pakistan breaks up into several separate states. In the aftermath of the dust of the painful balkanization process, there is hope of a viable Islamic state developing in the Tribal Re-

gions bordering Afghanistan. If a truly strong Islamic state emerges from the balkanization mess, it would in all probability merge with the Afghan Taliban into a bigger state. This Islamic state would, Insha'Allah, expand westward and pose a formidable force.

These are mere theories, Allah Ta'ala is the One Who Decrees. The terrain has to be prepared for the advent of Imaam Mahdi (alayhis salaam). Thus, whatever is currently transpiring all over the world, appears to be in preparation of the stage for the Final Assault to eliminate the forces of kufr and baatil.

THE SHAME OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

"One such detainee (in Pakistan's torture centres), Saud Memon, was dumped on a garbage heap..... Mr. Memon was picked up in South Africa in March 2003, his family said, and later brought to Pakistan and held by intelligence agencies. His brother Mahmood said the family learned only this year from another detainee who had been released that Mr. Memon was in Pakistan.

Mr. Memon was dumped near his home in April (2007), so thin and ill that he never recognized his wife and children, and died within three weeks. Yet he was never charged and the Pakistani government never acknowledged holding him.

Mr. Mansfield of the C.I.A. declined to comment on Mr. Memon's case, saying, "The C.I.A. does not, as a rule, comment on allegations regarding who

has, or has not, been in its custody." (New York Times International)

SOME MORE FACTS

- Saud Memon, after his abduction from South Africa, was transported to Guantanamo Bay where he was tortured and held for two years before being secretly dispatched to the Pakistani torture centre.
- At the time when he was dumped on a garbage heap by the intelligence agency of Pakistan, Saud weighed 20 kg, and he had lost his sanity.
- Saud was abducted by a band of official thugs, local and foreign, operating as arms of the law. The gang of abductors gained entry by force into the

house in Johannesburg and abducted him.

- No one from among the oppressed people of the Apartheid regime could have ever imagined that the self-same methods of cruelty, abduction and gross violation of human rights perpetrated by the security forces of the Apartheid regime would be inherited by the security forces of the so-called New South Africa. At the behest of the U.S.A., the very same criminal methods of the police and security agencies of apartheid South Africa have gained resurgence. 'Democracy and constitutional rights' are empty slogans of deception.

A PICTURE OF THE CRUSADERS' CAMP

"The Archbishop's chaplain gave a sorry picture of the Crusaders' camp: *"We found our army (I say with grief and groaning) given up to shameful practices, and yielding to ease and lust rather than encouraging*

virtue. The Lord is not in the camp; there is none that doeth good. The chiefs envy one another, and strive for privilege. The lesser folk are in want and find no one to help them. In the camp there is neither chasti-

ty, sobriety, faith, nor charity -- a state of things, which I call, God to witness, I would not have believed had I not seen it. The Turks are besieging us, and daily do they challenge us and persist in attack-

ing us, while our knights lie skulking within their tents, and like conquered men let the enemy affront them with impunity. Saladin's strength is increasing daily, whereas our army daily grows smaller." (Stanley Lane Poole)

PAKISTAN -- THE BALKANIZATION CONSPIRACY

A MASSIVE conspiracy is presently underway in Pakistan. The U.S.A. conspiracy envisaging the break-up of Pakistan with the prime objective of grabbing Baluchistan with its untapped gas and oil wealth, as well as other rich mineral resources, is a fundamental cause for much of the violence wracking that unfortunate land.

The eyes of the bankrupt American nation are firmly focused on Baluchistan. The U.S.A. is dreaming of creating another Saudi Arabia in Baluchistan with its filthy hands firmly gripping the wealth which

that region has yet to gorge out from its bowels. The Pakistani army is presently occupying Baluchistan and fighting a rebellion there. The eyes of the U.S.A. are firmly set on this rich region. The Chinese are developing the port of Gwalior. There is therefore bound to be some confrontation between the Chinese and the Americans. This port is of strategic importance for both the U.S.A. and China. It is the bridge to the Gulf States and Saudi Arabia.

The American conspiracy in which Musharraf is a big cog, plans to set up a separate

Baluchi state which will become an American protectorate. In terms of the plot, the Baluchis who are already fighting the Pakistani army, will be trained and armed by the U.S.A. to enable them to carve out a separate state which will of course be immediately recognized by the U.S.A., Europe and the U.S.A. appendage, the United Nations. The pretext of 'democracy' and women's rights and education will 'legitimize' the rebellion. The Baluchi fighters will not be known as militants or insurgents or Al-Qaaidah. But will miraculously be transformed into 'freedom fighters'

SUPPRESSION OF ISLAM IN ETHIOPIA

HAVING BECOME A surrogate of the U.S.A., enlisted by Bush in his so-called 'war on terror', Ethiopia has embarked on a policy of suppressing Islam. The Ethiopian Ministry of education has issued a decree prohibiting all Muslim students, teachers and staff working in every department of the education system embracing secondary schools, colleges and universities, from displaying their Islamic identity.

Jamaa't (congregational) Salaat, Islamic dress, Islamic headgear, Hijab, beards and any other display of Islam have been banned. The so-called mercenary and traitorous religious council called, Mujlisul A'la of Ethio-

pia has issued its rubber stamp of approval for these acts of kufr. In offering its support for the *zulm* and *kufr* of the Ethiopian authorities, the deviates of the *Mujlisul A'la of Ethiopia* have confirmed their *Irtidaad* (Renunciation of Islam). In regard to traitors, the Qur'aan Majeed states: *"They who do not decide (rule, govern and decree) according to what Allah has revealed, verily they are kaafiroon."*

Despite the Constitution of Ethiopia (Article 27, No. 3) safeguarding the freedom of the rights of Muslims, the government has acted at the behest of the U.S.A. to unleash its policy of persecution and suppression of Muslims.

fighting the cause of democracy and women's rights. Since the rebellion will serve the pecuniary agenda of the American conspiracy, it will be accorded full legitimacy and all the American

poodle states will simply bow to the American command.

The U.S.A., however, has to reckon with Iran who will not be an idle observer. Iran has a stake

in Baluchistan. Part of Baluchistan is inside Iran, and Iran is in fact arming the rebels. The stage is therefore set for an ugly fight.

"Pakistan's military and intelligence agencies, trying to avoid acknowledging an elaborate secret detention system, have quietly set free nearly 100 men suspected of links to terrorism, few of whom were charged.

Those released, are some of the nearly 55 Pakistanis (*in fact 2000*) presumed to have disappeared into the hands of the Pakistani intelligence agencies cooperating with Washington's fight against terrorism since 2001...

In one case, a suspect tied to, but not charged with the 2002 killing of Daniel Pearl, the American journalist, was dumped on a garbage heap, so thin and ill he died 20 days later. He, like one other detainee, was arrested in South Africa several years ago and released in Pakistan this year."(*NEW YORK TIMES INTERNATIONAL*)

COMMENT

The Pakistani who was cast onto a garbage heap by the evil intelligence agency of Pakistan, was abducted in Johannesburg. He was not arrested. Officialdom in South Africa at the behest of the U.S.A. smashed the doors of the house and abducted 'Saud', the Pakistani. He was flown out secretly and incarcerated at Guantanamo Bay where he was tortured for two years. After failing to obtain even a stitch of evidence for the accusation, the savages assigned him to the custody of the Pakistani barbarians who further subjected him to torture.

Due to the investigation of the now deposed Chief Justice of Pakistan, the intelligence agency had secretly dumped Saud onto a garbage heap. At the time of the dumping, Saud who was a prominent Pakistani businessman, weighed a mere 20 kg, and he was 95% out of his mind. The only person whom he could partially recognize was his mother. But the torture which the sav-

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ages had inflicted on him had driven him to insanity.

The second Pakistani mentioned in the New York Times was Khalid Rashid. It is common knowledge that he was abducted by South African Home Affairs officials in collusion with the police. He was handed over to Pakistani intelligence agents and secretly flown out of the country from the Waterkloof military airbase. He has been silently released from the detention and the torture centre in Pakistan about four or five months ago with strict orders to seal his mouth otherwise he would again be abducted and tortured.

The New York Times report continues: "In total, human rights groups and lawyers groups describe the disappearances as one of the grimmest aspects of Parvez Musharraf's presidency, and one that shows no sign of slowing.....Detainees have been warned on their release not to speak to anyone about their detention, yet fragments of their experiences have filtered out through relatives and their lawyers. A few even appeared in court and told their stories, and it became increasingly clear that the 'disappeared' men had in fact been held in military or intelligence agency cells around the country, often for several years without being charged.

Critics say abuses continue. The director of the human rights commission, I. A. Rehman, said the government had set up a nearly invisible detention system. "There are safe houses in Islamabad where people are kept," he said, citing accounts from the police and

freed detainees.. "Police have admitted this. Flats are taken on rent; property is seized; people are tortured there."

In some cases, detainees recounted that they had been interrogated in the presence of English-speaking foreigners, who human rights officials and lawyers suspect are Americans. One detainee, a Jordanian name Marwan Ibrahim, who was arrested in a raid in the city of Lahore, where he had been living for 10 years, said he was sent to a detention center in Afghanistan run by Americans, then to Jordan and Israel, and was finally released in Gaza...

Another detainee, Majid Khan, 27, a Pakistani computer engineer who disappeared from Karachi four years ago, surfaced April 15 this year before a military tribunal in Guantanamo Bay. His American lawyers say he was subjected to torture in C.I.A. detention in a secret location.

As more and more such accounts have come to light, President Musharraf has fought vigorously to keep the details of Pakistan's secret detentions hidden. A week into emergency rule, he passed a decree amending the 1952 Army Act to allow civilians to be tried by military tribunals for general offenses. The tribunals are closed to the public and offer no right of appeal.

The amendment was made retroactive to January 2003. Mr. Haider of the human rights commission said the amendment was to cover the illegal detentions by the intelligence agencies. "These agencies have gone berserk, and President Musharraf is legitimizing

their acts," he said.

The intervention of the Supreme Court under Mr. Chaudry was undoubtedly exposing this system of secret detentions. He first took up the cases of 2006, demanding that the government trace the detainees and account for them. His steady requests for information from senior police, Interior Ministry and military officials in court helped to trace nearly 100 detainees. Most of those were subsequently released without charges.

This was very embarrassing to the government because the people who were supposed to be found and released, they told all their stories, said Mr. I. A. Rehman of the human rights commission..... Another detainee, Hafiz Muhammad Tahir, was brought before the court and told the judges he had been ordered by the police to give a false account of his detention and charges against him.. In fact he had been held in secret for three years without charges. The chief justice ordered him to be freed, and he was released the same day.

But only four or five detainees ever appeared before the Supreme Court. Most of the 100 detainees released have been freed surreptitiously by the police and intelligence agencies, lawyers and human rights officials said. "They cannot admit that they had these people because they have no charges against them, no documentation," Mrs. Janjua said.

A COMPANY manufacturing spices, which has been certified 'halaal' by Sanha, has advertised its Pork Spice as halaal with Sanha's 'halaal' emblem adorning the label of the 'halaal' Pork Spice. Numerous Muslims have objected and queried this evil development. In an abortive and desperate bid to vindicate the company and defend its 'halaal' certificate and lack of supervision, Sanha has gorged out the absurd argument of 'synthetic' pork.

According to Sanha, 'synthetic' pork is 'halaal'. 'Synthetic' pork according to Sanha is *only* the flavour of pork created in the laboratory and transferred to the spices. Thus 'pork' flavour according to Sanha is 'halaal'. This is the first

SANHA'S "HALAAL" PORK?

move in the process to make swine meat halaal.

Sanha has jettisoned every semblance of *haya* (shame) and integrity which a Muslim ought to have even if he happens to be a faasiq. The degree of moral degeneration and total lack of spirituality can be gauged from the idea that pork flavour is 'halaal'. Get Muslims accustomed to the swine flavour with the 'synthetic' argument, to prepare them for 'halaal' swine meat - actual pork from the swine.

Sanha has conducted itself disgust-

ingly in its attempt to defend itself for this stupendous blunder. It has displayed its true colours of utter shamelessness by introducing the 'synthetic' argument to halaalize pork flavour. *Pork flavour is haraam* regardless of its 'synthetic' nature. Pork dung could be used to manufacture pork flavour for spices to be added to all the filth which Muslims are consuming from the numerous street restaurants.

The chicanery underlying the synthetic argument is conspicuous. Instead of vigorously rectifying the position

and publicly declaring the blunder, Sanha embarks on the exercise of defending the Pork Spice in an abortive bid to protect its already severely tarnished image. By way of *naseehat*, the *ulama-e-soo'* who are aiding and abetting Sanha for the sake of evil motives, we present to them the admonition of Hadhrat Junaid Baghdaadi (rahmatullah alayh) who said: "*Whoever seeks honour with baatil, Allah Ta'ala will inflict disgrace on him with the Haqq.*"

TREACHERY AND SAVAGERY OF THE CRUSADERS

The Muslim garrison at Acre had surrendered without the orders of Sultan Salaahuddin. Peace terms had been arranged for the surrender. However, in treacherous violation of the armistice, the Savage of the Crusaders, King Richard, had ordered the Muslim hostages to be slaughtered. Describing the massacre, the chronicler wrote:

".....But believe it or not as we may, there is no imaginable excuse or palliation for the cruel and cowardly massacre that

"About the same time (during 1189) news arrived (to inform the

Sultan) that the fortress (of the Christians) which had so long troubled the peace of the Moslems, and which Saladin had so often besieged, had at length been starved out; Karak had surren-

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dered to el-Adil. The garrison had been reduced to driving out their women and children, and eating their horses, before they would abandon their trust, though they had themselves been abandoned

by the Christians and no lord was there to lead them. It is worthy to record

that Saladin sought out these women and children, bought them himself, and gave them back to their social kinsmen. Then he sent them all safely into Christian territory." (Stanley Lane Poole)

followed. The horrible scene is described by the admiring chronicler: 'Orders were then given to cut off the heads of the hostages with the exception of a few of the nobler prisoners, who perhaps might yet be relieved or exchanged for captive Christians. King Richard, always eager to destroy the Turks, to confound the law of

Mahomet utterly, and vindicate that of Christ, on the Friday after the Assumption bade 2700 Turkish hostages to be led out of the city and beheaded. Nor was there any delay. The king's followers leapt forward eager to fulfil his commands, and thankful to the Divine Grace that permitted them to take such vengeance for those Christians

whom these very captives had slain with bolts and arrows."

"In explanation for this atrocious crime it has been suggested that Richard could not safely leave so large a number of prisoners

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glomerate of baatil will have absolutely no impact on the Ummah despite the path of moral and spiritual insurgency which the masses of this Ummah are following in this era. The miscreant theologians represent themselves. The acceptance by the Pope of this selection of self-styled representatives of the Ummah illustrates the profound ignorance of the Pope and his council of advisors. The envisaged 'common ground' which the Pope hopes to forge with those who are masquerading as representatives of the Ummah will be of some cosmetic worth to the Pope and Christians who lack a true understanding of the nature and causes of the conflict between the Christian world represented by Mr. Bush (not by the Pope) and the Ummah.

AMERICA

"All trends" of the Ummah – the modernists, the orthodox, 'the fundamentalists' and the 'terrorists' – are united in their opposition and hatred for America and all those who sing the tune of Bush and who perpetrate the acts of piracy and brutality commended by the U.S.A. This animosity of Muslims is not based on religion. Thus, it is found that the animosity of the Ummah at large is directed equally to Bush, Musharraf, Hosni Mubarak, Gaddafi and the other slaves of Biush. The animosity is not towards the Pope or the officials of Christendom or to those Christians who are anti-Bush or who slam the villainy of Bush and his evil coalition of forces who have invaded lands and let loose a reign of terror, pillage, plunder and rape.

The current conflagration and hatred for the Bush regime and its cronies are not based in religion. Religion has no role whatsoever in the corruption and anarchy engulfing the world. The long term conspiracies engineered by the Yahood with Bush being the main poodle of his Yahood master, and the inordinate and mad craving to perpetuate U.S.A. hegemony over the world are at the roots of the misery which is currently wracking the world. Painting Islam

THE INTERFAITH MENACE AND DECEPTION

in the hues of 'terrorism' is part of a well-schemed conspiracy to extinguish the Deen of Allah Azza Wa Jal, and to keep this errant and disobedient Ummah of Islam in perpetual subjugation and slavery by a variety of conspiratorial strategies. And the agenda underlying the conspiracy is to enable the western powers in general, and America in particular to maintain its grip on the oil wealth and other natural resources of the lands of Islam. The U.S.A. has understood that its survival as a 'superpower' is reliant on the wealth and material resources of the World of Islam and the other third world countries which are all rich in agricultural, mineral and other natural resources while the western world stands denuded of such wealth. Thus, the U.S.A. has been driven into insanity by its craving for the wealth of other nations on which it hinges its own prosperity.

Wherever it sets foot, the U.S.A. creates a massive stench and a mess which culminate in genocide, murder, torture, pillage and plunder. Iraq, Palestine, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Somalia, etc., are classical examples of the planned anarchy and murder of the U.S.'s long term conspiracy scheme authored by the Yahood.

INTERFAITH

The Interfaith conferences and dialogue are traps to further entangle Muslims into the quagmire of kufr. It is a trap set up to erode our doctrinal beliefs and the Sunnah of Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam). To achieve this satanic aim, the first attempt is to dilute the rigid Islamic concept of Tauheed by desensitizing Muslim abhorrence for trinity and all concepts of shirk. The stage of abandoning practical Islam has long ago been achieved in consequence of the western style of secular education which breeds hybrid Muslims who are unaware of

their identity and who fail to discern the direction leading to Allah Azza Wa Jal. However, the concept of Tauheed is the primary distinguishing feature which segregates the people of the world into the categories described by the Qur'aan Majeed: "*We have created you (O mankind!). From among you are kaafir, and from among you are Mu'min.*"

It is primarily this concept of Tauheed which the interfaithers under command of Shaitaan are conspiring to extinguish. The cardinal precepts of the Interfaith movement are, one, '*all religions have equal legitimacy*', and two, '*no religion is the absolute truth*'. Both these doctrines of kufr strike at the very foundations of Imaan and Tauheed. It is the cardinal belief of Islam that *only Islam* has legitimacy. Only Islam is the eternal truth of Allah Ta'ala. It is also the immutable doctrine of Islam that *only Islam* is the absolute truth, and all other religions and cults are false and products of Satanism. There can never be common ground between Islam and the other religions on this basis. It is abhorrent for a Muslim to sit and allow his ears to be dinned with lessons of trinity or of any other hue of kufr and shirk.

If a Mu'min is unable to proclaim the truth of Tauheed in a gathering where the 'equality of religions' is propagated, then it deems on him as a Waajib obligation to ensure that he never attends such an assembly of misguidance. And, if due to his own stupidity he became embroiled in such a trap, then he is commanded by Allah Ta'ala to extricate himself from the calamity of kufr. Thus, the Qur'aan Majeed commands those who had unintentionally due to their short-sightedness or ignorance become entrapped in such gatherings:

"And, if shaitaan has cast you into forgetfulness, then do not sit with a

community of transgressors after (you have) remembered (and you realize the evil into which you have fallen)."

COEXISTENCE

Muslims and non-Muslims in all the lands of the world have peacefully co-existed side by side despite the wide unbridgeable chasm in their mutual beliefs. They lived even as neighbours peacefully. The type of violence which we are observing in this era and which Mr. Bush and his cronies are projecting as Islamic fundamentalism, and claiming to spawn 'terrorists', is the product of the conspiracies of the Christian and Yahood kuffaar, mainly America and Israel.

Islam does not advocate hatred for non-Muslims. How is it conceivable for Islam to advocate such hatred when the entire non-Muslim world is Islam's target of Tableegh and Da'wat? Islam cannot be presented to people if they have been subjected to hostility, injustice and cruelty. Islam cannot be presented to people who are subjected to hatred by those who offer them the Message of hope, peace and everlasting salvation. While Islam does not permit the slightest compromise on any of its doctrines and tenets, and while Islam states with clarity the falsehood of the beliefs and practices of other religions, it commands its adherents to be just and kind to all people. The wide differences in doctrinal issues do not inculcate hatred for mankind in Muslims.

Those Muslims or professed Muslims who participate in these interfaith programs are rendering Islam a great disservice. Muslims should beware of them and abstain from participation in such seminars and projects which in reality are joint-propagation exercises designed to subvert and extinguish Islam. "*Verily, by Allah, the only*

Deen is Islam." (Qur'aan)

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF AAD & THAMUD

The mind of an intelligent observer who sees in Saudi Arabia mountains being blasted away, and palaces and mansions being hewn out of rock, cannot help but drift to the Qur'aanic verses such as: "*What, are you erecting palaces as if you will be living (on earth) forever?*"

Blasting away mountains to make way for the construction of mansions, palaces and skyscrapers, is reminiscent of the Aad and Thamud civilizations who were the first to hack and hew mansions and palaces out of solid rock. Criticizing the attitude of these rebels

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behind him when he marched south. One would rejoice to discover a less contemptible excuse for this barbarity."

"When the Saracen outpost over Acre saw their countrymen being butchered in cold blood beneath their very eyes, they rushed madly forward to prevent the slaughter; but though they fought till night they could not save them.apparently even women and children, had been ruthlessly put to the sword. After Saladin's almost quixotic acts of clemency and generosity, the King of England's cruelty will

appear amazing. But the students of the Crusades do not need to be told that in this struggle the virtues of civilization, magnanimity, toleration, real chivalry, and gentle culture, were all on the side of the Saracens."

(Stanley Lane Poole)

The attitude of the savage crusaders lingers on in the new brand of crusaders led by Bush and his likes. Conspiracy, treachery, cruelty, brutality and savagery are inherent attributes of kufr. We see the manifestation of these vile attributes wherever the crusaders of the 20th century set foot. Among the grimmest perpetrations of the crusader civilization are the secret torture centres of the U.S.A. and the indiscriminate bombing of defenseless civilians.

DIVINE LATITUDE

"When We intend to destroy a city, We command its affluent people who then lapse into transgression. Then the Decree (of Punishment) established over it (the city). Then We utterly destroy it (the city)." (Qur'aan)

The material prosperity accompanied by the unbridled acts and institutions of immorality and debauchery which have become the order of life in the oil-wealthy states, and in particular in the Gulf States such as Dubai, should not be misinterpreted and misunderstood. While there is latitude by Allah Azza Wa Jal, there is no forgetfulness. Every event transpires according to His decree. Everything has an appointed time.

The glut of *fisq* and *fujoor* which have become integral to the immoral western cult of life adopted by the affluent Arab states is a prelude to the impending Divine Disaster which is overshadowing the evil and immoral populations of those lands. Allah's *Athaab* settles suddenly and swiftly.

Before anyone realizes what has struck, the region marked for elimination will lie prostrate in ruins.

Allah Ta'ala drawing the attention of the perverted transgressors to His Chastisement says in the Qur'aan Majeed: "*What, do the people of the cities feel confident that Our Punishment will not overtake them during the night whilst they are sleeping?. What, are the people of the cities confident that Our Punishment will not overtake them during the day while they are engaging in play (in their nightclubs, cinemas, bars, casinos and the like)? Only a nation of losers dwell in obliviousness regarding the Scheme of Allah."*

In the Divine Scheme there is a decreed limit for the evil, immorality and filth which today constitute the culture of the affluent in the oil-rich Arab lands. Added to the immoral sloth is the injustice which the ruling class inflicts on the weak and poor. The stage for Destruction is being prepared by their own hands.

THE QUR'AAN Majeed commands: "O People! Eat from the earth substances which are halaal and tayyib, and do not follow in the footsteps of shaitaan. Verily he is unto you an avowed enemy. Verily, he orders you to commit deeds of immorality and evil, and that you fabricate in the (Name of) Allah such (drivel) which you do not understand."

This aayat as well as other verses and numerous Ahaadith emphasise the importance of halaal food. Allah Ta'ala implies in this aayat that haraam food will make us followers of shaitaan. Haraam food weakens and destroys moral and spiritual fibre. Addiction to haraam food totally effaces the Mumin's ability to emerge successfully in a confrontation with the nafs and shaitaan. Hence, he will follow in the footsteps of shaitaan and utter profanity and indulge in immorality. This is the special characteristic which haraam food engenders in a person.

The Mashaaikh have emphasized that a man who does not know what he consumes and from which source his food comes to him, will not reach the ranks of Taqwa. In this era, the Muslim masses have become addicted to the consumption of mushtabah and haraam food. The inhibition to haraam – the revulsion which Muslims had in former days for haraam meat and all haraam foods even non-meat food which contains a single haraam ingredient, has become eroded to the point of extinguishment.

'HALAAL' CERTIFICATES

The accursed trade in 'halaal' certificates which is the product of nothing but the inordinate crave for money, has been the single most destructive cause in the process of desensitizing Muslims to haraam meat and other haraam products. The lure of money has constrained many mercenary molvis and sheikhs to join the ranks of the juhala who operate the halaal-certificate racket. These so-called, self-styled 'halaal authorities' amass fortunes – millions of rands – which are siphoned off into hidden 'ventures'.

The enmity between 'halaal' certifying organization, stems from nothing other than the greed for money. The one stupid organization cannot tolerate its stupid sister organization in the corruptive trade to gain a bigger share of the haraam swine pie they all are gnawing on like rats. The fact that modernists, bid'atis, grave-worshippers, ulama-e-soo' and some misguided ulama-e-haqq have managed to present a charade of unity under a title called UUCSA, is a salubrious revelation for the inability of the haraam 'halaal' bodies' attempts to achieve 'unity'. Since the former pantomime show of unity

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(i.e.UUCSA) does not have the complication of money, they have managed to stage a mock unity. But, these miserable 'halaal authorities' have totally failed to form a unified body with a centralized administration. They have failed to present even an outer façade of unity. The reason for this failure is that any such unity will drastically undermine the financial coffers of the member bodies. Every stupid and evil organization is clinging desperately to its guns in its bid for the haraam funds which are being sucked from manufacturers, suppliers, wholesalers and retailers.

THE HARAAM MOTIVE

The motive of every so-called, self-styled stupid 'halaal authority' is nothing other than gaining the largest share in the haraam money market which the 'halaal' certificate trade has spawned for them. The country is flooded with these evil certificates. Haraam meat, even pork products, and non-meat products with haraam ingredients are freely licensed as 'halaal' by these evil shaitani bodies. The hearts of the operators of these bodies have become disfigured and fossilized as an effect of the wholesale feeding of 'halaalized' carrion to the Muslim masses. As long as the boodle flows into their coffers, they cannot care a hoot about the filth, carrion and haraam the masses are consuming.

MUSLIM INHIBITION

In all fairness, these shaitani haraam certifying bodies are not the sole criminals in the avalanches of haraam food which Muslims are today consuming. The erosion of Imaan of the masses due to transgression in general, has constrained them to search for loopholes and avenues to consume haraam. Thus, when the league of shaitaan stepped into the arena with its 'halaal' certificate trade, the jaahil masses who had already been prepared by shaitaan, readily accepted the carrion which the 'halaal authorities' legalized for them.

In former days, even complete ignoramuses, would balk at the stench of haraam meat when they passed by a non-Muslim butchery. Many would block their nostrils to save themselves from inhaling the contaminated atmosphere in the immediate vicinity of the haraam butchery. The same attitude was displayed at the stench of liquor. But today, thanks to the haraam certificate organizations, Muslim masses have become addicted to the consumption of haraam meat, haraam non-meat

products, filth and carrion, and now a body like Sanha, is paving the way for the consumption of swine flesh with its 'synthetic' pork argument. Truly, shaitaan has gripped their hearts and brains and driven them into his den, and made them his agents to destroy the Ummah.

A colleague who has already departed from this world, Maulana Badroon Sahib of Cape Town, once related an interesting episode to illustrate the aversion which Muslims had for haraam meat/food. He was sitting in a home to solve a marital problem. The husband at the time was under the influence of liquor. The young son of this man had just entered holding a pie in his hand. The father who was drunk, demanded to know where he had obtained the pie from. The boy replied that he bought it at the café on the corner. The father, shouting 'haraam' in a rage, grabbed the pie and threw it outside. This was the ingrained degree of aversion which even the ignorant and sinful Muslims of former times had for haraam meat.

But today! Even molvis who stand at the pulpit flaunting their 'bayaans' and lectures, freely consume the filth and carrion which non-Muslim food processors flood the markets with. A primary cause for the grounded evil (soo') of many molvis and sheikhs is their consumption of haraam food. In the satanic endeavour to vindicate their own indulgence, they entice the Muslim masses to follow their vile example and also ruin their Imaan with the avalanche of carrion so freely available as a consequence of the human shayaa-teen who have legitimized the haraam meats of the kuffaar. Deep down in their hearts, they cannot deceive themselves. They do understand and know that at the root of the whole shaitani cauldron is money – money and nothing else.

MONEY

People whose gaze is focused on money and whose hearts are overwhelmed with greed for money will go to any lengths to lay their hands on money regardless of the manner of acquisition. We are living in an era which is in close proximity to Qiyaamah. Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) mentioned among the Signs of the Impending Hour that the only concern will be the acquisition of money. The question of haraam and halaal will be of absolutely no concern to those whose ultimate goal in life has become money. This is the sole objec-

tive of these 'halaal' certificate forgers. While other organizations of a religious hue may cherish some Deeni objective along with their baatil, the haraam 'halaal' certificate bodies have no aim whatsoever other than gaining money. While others become drunk with liquor, these criminals become drunk with the crave for money. Even in remote towns there are non-Muslim business establishments which display the halaal emblem of one or the other of these evil organizations.

SUPERVISION

When these organizations claim that they are supervising the thousands of outlets which have been granted 'halaal' status, they speak outright, brazen and dark lies. It is impossible for them to police the thousands of shops, factories, plants, etc. to whom they have sold their haraam certificates. In fact, the haraam certificates are not sold. They are leased out. The luckless and stupid victims of these certificates have to pay renewal fees annually, and these fees are exorbitant. More exorbitant than the licencing fees are the royalties which these evil scoundrels levy on each carcass and each chicken. As a consequence of this evil trade, they net millions of rands annually. What happens to all this ill-gotten boodle. It obviously is channelled cunningly into personal channels in ways which cannot be easily detected by outsiders.

The claim that all the ill-gotten haraam funds are expended for inspections and other haraam ventures such as funfairs, liquor fairs, Sunday Times fairs, etc. is false. Despite this haraam expenditure, a huge slice finds its way elsewhere and disappears into the darkness of the pockets.

Those who devour haraam, ingest fire into their bellies, according to the Qur'aan. Whether this haraam is in the form of money or carrion, there is no difference in the quality of the Fire they are ingesting.

It is time long overdue for Muslims to have mercy on their own souls. They should become conscious of the food they are eating. By consuming haraam carrion, unwholesome food and filth sanctified and 'halaalized' by these haraam certificate purveyors, Muslims are bringing ruin to themselves in this world as well as in the Hereafter. Without a healthy Imaan, it is impossible to prepare for Maut and the Aakhirah. And, the consumption of haraam destroys every urge for self-reformation.

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lious people whose attitude and conduct conveyed the idea that life on earth is everlasting hence the need for palaces and mansions, the Qur'aan Majeed says:

"And remember when Allah made you the successors after (the nation of) Aad, and He established you on earth. You constructed palaces on plains and hewed mansions from the mountains."

Although this trend is not exclusive

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF AAD & THAMUD

with the oil-rich Arabs, they do excel in the philosophy of the 'everlasting' residence on earth. In total oblivion of the imminence of Maut, the affluent who are enamoured with this material life recklessly pursue the extravagances which it offers. Despite professing to be Muslims who subscribe to the belief in Aakhirah and the Divine Reckoning, their attitude and practical conduct refute the verbal profession.

Those who squander their lives and the Amaanat of wealth in reckless and unlawful pursuits little understand that tomorrow their wealth, their palaces and this dunya will desert them while their bodies will be food for worms and insects under the earth in the Grave. The Qur'aan Majeed warning the blasters of mountains, says:

"(Remember) when their brother, Saalih said to them: 'What! Do you not

fear (Allah)?

Verily, I am a trustworthy Messenger unto you. Therefore fear Allah and obey me.

.....What! Do you think that you will be left (forever) in peace in (the luxuries) that are Here (on earth)? Among orchards and fountains?.....and while you arrogantly hew mansions from mountains? Fear Allah and obey me. And do not follow the manner of the transgressors who spread mischief on earth and of those who do not act righteously."

(By David Rose –Vanity Fair)

“After failing to anticipate Hamas’s victory over Fatah in the 2006 Palestinian election, the White House cooked up yet another scandalously covert and self-defeating Middle East debacle: part Iran-contra, part Bay of Pigs. With confidential documents, corroborated by outraged former and current US officials, David Rose reveals how President Bush, Condoleeza Rice, and Deputy National-Security Adviser Elliott Abrams backed an armed force under Fatah strongman Muhammad Dahlan, touching off a bloody civil war in Gaza and leaving Hamas stronger than ever.

GEORGE BUSH’S AGENTS OF TORTURE

“.... I sit in the hotel’s airy restaurant, and listen to a slight, bearded man named Mazen Asad Abu Dan describe the suffering he endured 11 months before at the hands of his fellow Palestinians. Abu Dan, 29, is a member of Hamas, that has been designated a terrorist group by the United States, but I have good reason for taking him at his word: I’ve seen the video.

It shows Abu Dan kneeling, his hands bound behind his back, and screaming as his captors pummel him with a black iron rod. ‘I lost all the skin on my back from the beatings,’ he says. ‘Instead of medicine, they poured perfume on my wounds. It felt as if they had taken a sword to my injuries.’

On January 26, 2007, Abu Dan, a student at the Islamic University of Gaza, had gone to a local cemetery with his father and five others to erect a headstone for his grandmother. When they arrived, however, they found themselves surrounded by 30 armed men from Hamas’s rival, Fatah, the party of Palestinian president Mahmoud Abbas. ‘They took us to a house in north Gaza,’ Abu Dan says. ‘They covered our eyes and took us to a room on the sixth floor.’

The video reveals a bare room with white walls and a black-and-white tiled floor, where Abu Dan’s father is forced to sit and listen to his son’s shrieks of pain. Afterwards, Abu Dan says, he and two of the others were driven to a market square. ‘They told us they were going to kill us. They made us sit on the ground.’ They shot our knees and feet – five bullets each. I spent four months in a wheelchair.’

Abu Dan had no way of knowing it, but his tormentors had a secret ally, the administration of President George W. Bush. A clue comes towards the end of the video which was found in a Fatah security building by Hamas fighters last June. Still bound and blindfolded, the prisoners are made to echo a rhythmic chant yelled by one of their captors: ‘By blood, by soul, we sacrifice ourselves for Muhammad Dahlan! Long live Muhammad Dahlan!’

A favourite method of sadism employed by Dahlan’s thugs is to shoot bullets into the knees and legs of their defenceless captives. It is soothing to know that both knees of the master Thug, Dahlan had to be operated on, and he was bedridden in a Berlin hospital for about three months. This is Invisible Justice or Poetic Justice –The Majlis

There is no one more hated among Hamas members than Muhammad Dahlan, long Fatah’s resident strongman in Gaza. Dahlan, who most recently served as Abbas’s national-security adviser, has spent more than a decade battling Hamas. Dahlan insists that Abu Dan was tortured without his knowledge, but the video is proof that his followers’ methods can be brutal.

“He is our Guy” – Bush

Bush has met Dahlan on at least three occasions. After talks at the White House in July 2003, Bush publicly praised

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Dahlan as ‘a good solid leader’. In private, say multiple Israeli and American officials, the U.S. president described him as ‘our guy’.

The United States has been involved in the affairs of the Palestinian territories since the Six-Day War of 1967, when Israel captured Gaza from Egypt and the West Bank from Jordan.

In recent months, President Bush has repeatedly stated that the last great ambition of his presidency is to broker a deal that would create a viable Palestinian state and bring peace to the Holy Land. ‘People say, ‘Do you think it’s possible, during your presidency?’ He told an audience in Jerusalem on January 9, ‘And the answer is, ‘I’m very hopeful’.

The next day, in the West Bank capital of Ramallah, Bush acknowledged that there was a rather large obstacle standing in the way of this goal: Hamas’s complete control of Gaza, home to some 1.5 million Palestinians, where it seized power in a bloody coup d’etat in June 2007. Almost every day, militants fire rockets from Gaza into neighbouring Israeli towns, and President Abbas is powerless to stop them. His authority is limited to the West Bank.

It’s ‘a tough situation’, Bush admitted. ‘I don’t know whether you can solve it in a year or not.’ What Bush neglected to mention was his own role in creating this mess.

According to Dahlan, it was Bush who had pushed legislative elections in the Palestinian territories in January 2006, despite warnings that Fatah was not ready. After Hamas – whose 1988 charter committed it to the goal of driving Israel into the sea – won control of the parliament, Bush made another deadlier miscalculation.

Vanity Fair has obtained confidential documents, since corroborated by sources in the U.S. and Palestine, which lay bare a covert initiative, approved by Bush and implemented by the Secretary of State Condoleeza Rice and Deputy National Security Adviser Elliott Abrams, to provoke a Palestinian civil war. The plan was for forces led by Dahlan, and armed with new weapons supplied at America’s behest, to give Fatah the muscle it needed to remove the democratically elected Hamas-led government from power.

Backfired

But the secret plan backfired, resulting in further setback for American foreign policy under Bush. Instead of driving its enemies out of power, the U.S.-backed Fatah fighters inadvertently provoked Hamas to seize total control of Gaza. Some sources call the scheme ‘Iran-contra 2.0’, recalling that Abrams was convicted (and later pardoned) for withholding information from Congress during the original Iran-contra scandal under President Reagan. There are echoes of other past misadventures as well: the C.I.A.’s 1953 ouster of an elected prime minister in Iran, which set the stage for the 1979 Islamic revolution there; the aborted 1961 Bay of Pigs invasion, which gave Fidel Castro an excuse to solidify his hold on Cuba; and the contemporary tragedy in Iraq.

“They plot and Allah too plots. And Allah Is the best of Plotters.” –Qur’aan

“Dirty war”

Within the Bush administration, the Palestinian policy set of a furious debate. One of its critics is David Wurmser, the avowed neoconservative, who resigned as Vice President Dick Cheney’s chief Middle East adviser in July 2007, a month after the Gaza coup. Wurmser accuses the Bush administration of ‘engaging in a dirty war in an effort to provide a corrupt dictatorship (led by Abbas) with victory.’ He believes that Hamas had no intention of taking Gaza until Fatah forced its hand. ‘It looks to me that what happened wasn’t so much a coup by Hamas but an attempted coup by Fatah that was pre-empted before it could happen,’ Wurmser said. The botched plan has rendered the dream of Middle East peace more remote than ever, but what is a stunning disconnect between the president’s call for Middle East democracy, and this policy, ‘he says ‘It directly contradicts it.’

Dahlan said he warned his friends in the Bush administration that Fatah still wasn’t ready for elections in January. Decades of self-preservationist rule by Arafat had turned the party into a symbol of corruption and inefficiency – a perception Hamas found easy to exploit. Splits within Fatah weakened its position further in many places; a single Hamas candidate ran against several from Fatah.

‘Everyone was against the elections,’ says Dahlan. Everyone except Bush. ‘Bush decided, ‘I need an election, I want elections in the Palestinian Authority.’ Everyone is following him in the American administration, and everyone is nagging Abbas telling him, ‘The president wants elections.’ ‘Fine. For what purpose?’

The elections went forward as scheduled. On January 25, Hamas won 56 percent of the seats in the Legislative Council. Few inside the U.S. administration had predicted the result, and there was no contingency plan to deal with it. ‘I’ve asked why nobody saw it coming?’ Condoleeza Rice told reporters, ‘I don’t know anyone who wasn’t caught off guard by Hamas’s strong showing.’

The villainy of their plots, makes even mountains move. –Qur’aan

‘Everyone blamed everyone else.’ Says an official with the Department of Defense. ‘We sat there in the Pentagon and said, ‘Who the recommended this?’ ‘.....’ The administration spoke with one voice, ‘We have to squeeze these guys.’ With Hamas’s election victory, the freedom agenda was dead.’

The first step taken by the Middle East diplomatic ‘Quartet’ – the U.S., the European Union, Russia and the United Nations – was to demand that the new Hamas government renounce violence, recognize Israel’s right to exist, and accept the terms of all previous agreements. When Hamas refused, the Quartet shut off the faucet of aid to the Palestinian Authority, depriving it of the means to pay salaries and meet its annual budget of roughly \$3 billion.

Israel clamped down on Palestinians’ freedom of movement, especially into and out of the Hamas-dominated Gaza strip. Israel also detained 64 Hamas officials, including Legislative Council members, and even launched a military campaign

into Gaza after one of its soldiers was kidnapped. Through it all, Hamas and its new government, led by Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh, proved surprisingly resilient.

Unity Government

Washington reacted with dismay when Abbas began holding talks with Hamas in the hope of establishing a ‘unity government’. On October 4, 2006, Rice travelled to Ramallah to see Abbas. They met at the Mutaqa, the new presidential headquarters that rose from the ruins of Arafat’s compound, which Israel had destroyed in 2002.

At their press conference, Rice smiled as she expressed her nation’s ‘great admiration’ for Abbas’s leadership. Behind closed doors, however, Rice’s tone was sharper, say officials who witnessed their meeting. Isolating Hamas just wasn’t working, she reportedly told Abbas, and America expected him to dissolve the Haniyeh government as soon as possible and hold fresh elections.

Abbas, one official says, agreed to take action within two weeks. It happened to be Ramadan. With dusk approaching, Abbas asked Rice to join him for Iftar – a snack to break the fast. Afterwards, according to the official, Rice underlined her position: ‘So we’re agreed? You’ll dissolve the government within two weeks?’

“Maybe not two weeks. Give me a month. Let’s wait until after the Eid,” he said. Rice got into her armoured S.U.V., where the official claims, she told an American colleague, ‘That damned iftar has cost us another two weeks of Hamas government.’

“Verily, hatred for you (O Mu’mineen) has gushed forth from their mouths. But what their breasts conceal is worse.” (Qur’aan)

Bush’s command

Weeks passed with no sign that Abbas was ready to do America’s bidding. Finally another official was sent to Ramallah, Jake Wales, the consul general in Jerusalem. His purpose was to deliver a barely varnished ultimatum to the Palestinian president.

We know what Wales said because a copy was left behind, apparently by accident, of the ‘talking point’ memo prepared for him by the State Department. The document has been authenticated by U.S. and Palestinian officials.

“We need to understand your plans regarding a new (Palestinian Authority) government,” Wales’s script said. “You told Secretary Rice you would be prepared to move ahead within two to four weeks of your meeting. We believe that the time has come for you to move forward quickly and decisively.”

The memo left no doubt as to what kind of action the U.S. was seeking. “Hamas should be given a clear choice, with a clear deadline....they either accept a new government that meets the Quartet principles, or they reject it. The consequences of Hamas’s decision should also be clear: If Hamas does not agree within the prescribed time, you should make clear your intention to declare a state of emergency and form an emergency government explicitly committed to that platform.”

“We will support you”

Wales and Abbas both knew what to expect from Hamas if these instructions were followed: rebellion and bloodshed. For that reason, the memo states, the U.S. was already working to strengthen Fatah’s security forces. “If you act along these lines, we will support you both materially and politically”, the script said. “We will be there to support you.”

.... The result was becoming apparent;

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Fatah could not control Gaza's streets -- or even protect its own personnel.....Fatah's vulnerability was a source of grave concern to Dahlan. "I made a lot of activities to give Hamas the impression that we were still strong and we had the capacity to face them," he says. "But I knew in my heart it wasn't true." According to several alleged victims, one of the tactics this 'warefare' entailed was to kidnap and torture members of Hamas's Executive Force..... The dirty war between Fatah and Hamas continued to gather momentum throughout the autumn, with both sides committing atrocities.

There was still no sign of that Abbas was ready to bring matters to a head by dissolving the Hamas government. Against this darkening background, the U.S. began direct security talks with Dahlan. According to three U.S. officials, Bush made a similar judgment about Dahlan when they first met in 2003. All three officials recall hearing Bush say, "He's our guy".

They say this assessment was echoed by other key figures in the administration, including Rice and Assistant Secretary David Welch, the man in charge of Middle East policy at the State Department.

Lieutenant General Keith Dayton who had been appointed the U.S. security coordinator for the Palestinians in November 2005, was in no position to question the president's judgment of Dahlan. In November 2006, Dayton met Dahlan for the first of a long series of talks in Jerusalem and Ramallah. Both men were accompanied by aides. From the outset, says an official who took notes at the meeting, Dayton was pushing two overlapping agendas.

"We need to reform the Palestinian security apparatus", Dayton said, according to the notes. "But we also need to build up your forces in order to take on Hamas." Dayton replied that, in the long run, Hamas could be defeated only by political means. "But if I am going to confront them", he added, "I need substantial resources. As things stand, we do not have the capability." Dayton said, "We want to help you. What do you need?" Dahlan said: "We were sitting in Abbas's office in Ramallah, and I explained the whole thing to Condi. And she said, 'Yes, we have to make an effort to do this. There's no other way.'" At some of these meetings, Dahlan says, Assistant Secretary Welch and Deputy National-Security Adviser Abrams were also present.

"O People of Imaan! If you follow the kuffaar, they will turn you on your heels. Then you will become the losers." (Qur'aan)

In essence, the program was simple. According to State Department officials, beginning in the latter part of 2006, Rice initiated several rounds of phone calls and personal meetings with leaders of four Arab nations -- Egypt, Jordan, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. She asked them to bolster Fatah by providing military training and by pledging funds to buy its forces lethal weapons. The money was to be paid directly into accounts controlled by President Abbas.

Legal or not, arms shipments soon began to take place. In late December 2006, four Egyptian trucks passed through an Israeli-controlled crossing into Gaza, where the contents were handed over to Fatah. These included 2000 Egyptian-made automatic rifles, 20,000 ammunition clips, and two million bullets. News of the shipment leaked, and Benjamin Ben-Elazer, an Israeli Cabinet member, said on Israeli radio that the guns and

ammunition would give Abbas "the ability to cope with those organizations which are trying to ruin everything" -- namely, Hamas.

Civil War

On February 1, 2007, Dahlan took his "very clever warfare" to a new level when Fatah forces under his control stormed the Islamic University of Gaza, a Hamas stronghold, and set several buildings on fire. Hamas retaliated the next day with a wave of attacks on police stations.

Unwilling to preside over a Palestinian civil war, Abbas blinked. For weeks, King Abdullah of Saudi Arabia had been trying to persuade him to meet with Hamas in Mecca and formally establish a national unity government. On February 6, Abbas went, taking Dahlan with him. Two days later, with Hamas no closer to recognizing Israel, a deal was struck.

Under its terms, Ismail Haniyeh of Hamas would remain prime minister while allowing Fatah members to occupy several important posts. When the news hit the streets that the Saudis had promised to pay the Palestinian Authority's salary bills, Fatah and Hamas members in Gaza celebrated together by firing their Kalashnikovs into the air.

Once again, the Bush administration had been taken by surprise. According to a State Department official, "Condi was apoplectic". A remarkable documentary record revealed for the first time, shows that the U.S. responded by redoubling the pressure on its Palestinian allies.

The State Department quickly drew up an alternative to the new unity government, known as "Plan B", its objective, according to a State Department memo that has been authenticated by an official who knew of it at the time, was to "enable (Abbas) and his supporters to reach a defined endgame by the end of 2007. The endgame should produce a (Palestinian Authority) government through democratic means that accepts Quartet principles."

Like the Walles ultimatum of late 2006, Plan B called for Abbas to "collapse the government" if Hamas refused to alter its attitude toward Israel. From there, Abbas could call early elections or impose an emergency government. It is unclear whether, as president, Abbas had the constitutional authority to dissolve an elected government led by a rival party, but the Americans swept that concern aside.

Security considerations were paramount, and Plan B had explicit prescriptions for dealing with them. For as long as the unity government remained in office, it was essential for Abbas to maintain "independent control of key security forces". He must "avoid Hamas integration with these services, while eliminating the Executive Force or mitigating the challenges posed by its continued existence".

"And, if you fear (Allah) and adopt Sabr, then never ever shall their plots harm you in any way." (Qur'aan)

Plan B

In a clear reference to the covert aid expected from the Arabs, the memo made this recommendation for the next six to nine months, "Dahlan oversees effort in coordination with General Dayton and Arab (nations) to train and equip 15,000-man force under President Abbas's control to establish internal law and order, stop terrorist and deter extralegal forces."

The Bush administration's goals for Plan B were elaborated in a document titled "An Action Plan for the Palestinian President". The action plan went through several drafts and was developed by the

U.S., the Palestinians, and the government of Jordan. Sources agree, however, that it had originated in the State Department.

The early drafts stressed the need for bolstering Fatah's forces in order to "deter" Hamas. The "desired outcome" was to give Abbas "the capability to take the required strategic political decisions....such as dismissing the cabinet, establishing an emergency cabinet."

The drafts called for increasing the "level and capacity" of 15000 of Fatah's existing security personnel while adding 4700 troops in seven new "highly trained battalions on strong policing." The Plan also promised to arrange "specialized training abroad", in Jordan and Egypt, and pledged to "provide the security personnel with the necessary equipment and arms to carry out their missions."

A detailed budget put the total cost for salaries, training, and "the needed security equipment, lethal and non-lethal", at \$1.27 billion over five years. The plan states, "The costs and overall budget were developed jointly with General Dayton's team and the Palestinian technical team for reform" -- a unit established by Dahlan and led by his friend and policy aide Basil Jaber. Jaber confirms that the document is an accurate summary of the work he and his colleagues did with Dayton.

Treachery

On April 30, 2007, a portion of one early draft was leaked to a Jordanian newspaper, Al-Majd. The secret was out. From Hamas's perspective, the Action Plan could amount to only one thing: a blueprint for a U.S.-backed Fatah coup.

The formation of the unity government had brought a measure of calm to the Palestinian territories, but violence erupted anew after Al-Majd published its story on the Action Plan. The timing was unkind to Fatah, which to add to its usual disadvantages, was without its security chief. Ten days earlier, Dahlan had left Gaza for Berlin, where he'd had surgery on both knees. He was due to spend the next eight weeks convalescing.

In mid-May, with Dahlan still absent, a new element was added to Gaza's toxic mix when 500 Fatah National Security Forces recruits arrived fresh from training in Egypt and equipped with new weapons and vehicles. "They had been on a crash course for 45 days," Dahlan says. Their presence was immediately noticed, not only by Hamas but by staff from Western aid agencies.

On May 23, none other than Lieutenant General Dayton discussed the new unit in testimony before the House Middle East subcommittee. Hamas had attacked the troops as they crossed into Gaza from Egypt, Dayton said..... The troops' arrival, Dayton said, was one of several "hopeful signs" in Gaza. Another was Dahlan's appointment as national-security adviser..... The opposing team (Hamas) was mounting regular attacks of unprecedented boldness and savagery.

On June 7, there was another damaging leak, when the Israeli newspaper Haaretz reported that Abbas and Dayton had asked Israel to authorize the biggest Egyptian arms shipment yet -- to include dozens of armored cars, hundreds of armor-piercing rockets, thousands of hand grenades, and millions of rounds of ammunition. A few days later, just before the next batch of Fatah recruits was due to leave for training in Egypt, the coup began in earnest.

Fatah's Last Stand

The Hamas leadership in Gaza is adamant that the coup would not have happened if Fatah had not provoked it. Fawzi Barhoum, Hamas's chief spokesman, said the

leak in Al-Majd convinced the party that "there was a plan", approved by America to destroy the political choice. The arrival of the first Egyptian-trained fighters, he adds, was the "reason for the timing". About 250 Hamas members had been killed in the first six months of 2007, Barhoum tells me. "Finally we decided to put an end to it. If we had let them stay loose in Gaza, there would have been more violence."

"Everyone here recognizes that Dahlan was trying with American help to undermine the results of the elections", says Mahmoud Zahar, the former foreign minister for the Haniyeh government, who now leads Hamas's militant wing in Gaza. "He was the one planning the coup."

He (Zahar) tells me that Hamas launched its operations in June with a limited objective. "The decision was only to get rid of the Preventive Security Service. They were the ones out on every crossroads, putting anyone suspected of Hamas involvement at risk of being tortured or killed." But when Fatah fighters inside a surrounded Preventive Security office in Jabaliya began retreating from building to building, they set off a 'domino effect' that emboldened Hamas to seek broader gains.

Years of oppression by Dahlan and his forces were avenged as Hamas chased down stray Fatah fighters and subjected them to summary execution.... By June 16, Hamas had captured every Fatah building as well as Abbas's official Gaza residence. Much of Dahlan's house, which doubled as his office, was reduced to rubble.

Fatah's last stand, predictably enough, was made by the Preventive Security Service. The unit suffered heavy casualties, but a rump of about 100 surviving fighters eventually made it to the beach and escaped in the night by fishing boat.

Israel, meanwhile is no safer. The emergency pro-peace government called for in the secret Action Plan is now in office -- but only in the West Bank. In Gaza, the exact thing both Israel and the U.S. Congress warned against came to pass when Hamas captured most of Fatah's arms and ammunition -- including the new Egyptian guns supplied under the covert U.S.-Arab aid program.

Now that it controls Gaza, Hamas has given free rein to militants intent on firing rockets into neighbouring Israeli towns. "We are still developing our rockets; soon we shall hit the heart of Ashkelon at will", says Jaber, the al-Aqsa commander, referring to the Israeli city of 110,000 people 12 miles from Gaza's border. "I assure you, the time is near when we will mount a big operation inside Israel, in Haifa or Tel Aviv."

George W. Bush and Condoleezza Rice continue to push the peace process, but Avi Dichter says Israel will never conclude a deal on Palestinian statehood until the Palestinians reform their entire law-enforcement system -- what he calls "the chain of security". With Hamas in control of Gaza, there appears to be no chance of that happening. "Just look at the situation", says Dahlan. "They say there will be a final-status agreement in eight months" No way."

"An Institutional Failure"

How could the U.S. have played Gaza so wrong? Neocon critics of the administration -- who until last year were inside it -- blame an old State Department vice: the rush to anoint a strongman instead of solving problems directly. This ploy has failed in places as diverse as Vietnam, the Philippines, Central America, and Saddam Husain's Iraq, during its war against Iran.

To rely on proxies such as Dahlan, says

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THERE IS no dearth of plots being perpetually hatched for the destruction of Islam by its enemies. The process of conspiracy is ongoing and will continue as long as this earth exists. It is not a surprising process. Those who possess understanding of the Divine Wisdom which occasioned the creation of earth and its habitation by man, know that the dark plots which the kuffaar perennially conspire against Muslims are necessary and logical corollaries of the conflict between Haqq and Baatil (Truth and Falsehood). Since this world is the arena for this enduring conflict which will terminate only with the final destruction of the earth, there will always be conspiracies engineered from time to time against Islam and Muslims. Regarding the plots of the kuffaar, the Qur'aan Shareef states:

"And if they plot to deceive you, then Allah and the Mu'mineen who follow you (O Muhammad!) are sufficient for you."

In this aayat, Allah Azza Wa Jal informs Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) of the failure of the conspiracies. Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) is comforted with the assurance that Allah Ta'ala and the faithful Mu'mineen are adequate to neutralize the dark plots of the enemies. There is no need to be unduly perturbed. In another aayat, Allah Ta'ala referring to the kuffaar plots with greater clarity, states:

"And, if you (O Mu'mineen) fear Allah and have sabr, then never ever will their plots harm you in any way whatsoever."

U.S.A. PLOTS

In this age, the monstrous conspiracies of the U.S.A. are no longer secrets. Every conflagration consuming the Muslim World in this era is ostensibly the effect of an American conspiracy. The massive political upheavals, the ravaging wars, the genocides, wholesale abductions and enforced disappearances of Muslim all over the world, the unimaginable horrors of the U.S.A. culture of torture, economic sabotage, etc. are all the products of U.S.A. conspiracy.

The current mess in Palestine, Iraq, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Somalia are conspicuous failures of American plots which had been hatched to entrench U.S.A. hegemony, the primary aim being the plunder of the wealth and resources of the lands of Islam which are all rich in natural wealth of a variety of kinds, and which are all required for sustaining the 'superpower' status and lifestyle of the U.S.A. in particular, and the West in general.

THE PERENNIAL PLOTS

The Qur'aan Majeed informs us that the magnitude of the evil of these conspiracies is such that *"even mountains are capable of being moved"*. Despite the mighty upheavals following in the wake of the U.S.A.'s murderous plots, the Qur'aan declares with emphasis the ultimate failure of the conspiracies. In addition, the Qur'aan assures us that these plots will not harm Muslims. However, it is seen that colossal harm and misery are caused to Muslims by these plots. The suffering in all the Muslim lands embroiled in the cauldron of U.S.A. conspiracies testify to the hardships of Muslims. How could this be reconciled with the Qur'aanic assurance?

CONDITIONS

The Divine declaration regarding the failure of the conspiracies and the safety of Muslims as an obligation on Allah Ta'ala are dependent on certain conditions which Allah Ta'ala specifies in the very same aayat in which He proclaims the collapse of the evil conspiracies of the Satanists. Stating the conditions for the immunity of Muslims and the failure of the plots, the Qur'aan Majeed specifies *Taqwa* and *Sabr*. These two conditions mentioned in the aayat negating the efficacy of the plots, are the essence of the Deen, or they are Islam in a nutshell. The effective neutralization of the conspiracies for the safety of the Ummah is reliant on the total obedience of Muslims.

Minus total obedience to the Shariah and without inculcation of the Sunnah, which come within the purview of *Taqwa* and *Sabr*, we cannot lay claim to the Divine Promise stated in the aayat. The suffering of Muslims, especially their internecine fighting and killing, are not the effects of the conspiracy. While Muslims who have lost their Imaani bearing, ignorantly attribute the suffering of the Ummah to the U.S.A. and Western conspiracies, these are merely the worldly or material causes/media/substrata for the manifestation of Allah's *Athaab*.

The conspiracies are partially successful because of the Ummah's abandonment of the Deen. The effects of the plots are nothing other than Allah's punishment for our gross disobedience and our adoption of almost 100% of the lifestyle of the conspirators who have designed their plots for our destruction and for swallowing the lands of Islam.

PLAN B PLOT

The latest conspiracy in America's chain of plots, is its so-called 'Plan B' which was hatched for annexing Palestine to the U.S.A. 'empire'. Elsewhere in this issue, *The Majlis* reports on the current plot for Palestine. Although the Palestinian Muslims are being subjected to horrendous brutality and hardship, the U.S.A. plot has backfired. America has not achieved the objective of its latest conspiracy. This is explained in detail elsewhere in *The Majlis*.

In Iraq too, the U.S.A.'s master plot has gone violently out of gear, hence the American army and nation are bogged down in a quagmire in which the invaders are sinking, unable to extricate themselves from their own mess. Despite the suffering of Muslims, the resistance is forging ahead strongly.

In Afghanistan where America with its 37 nation coalition along with Nato are entrapped, the Taliban are resolutely fighting and resisting with a ferocity which has shaken the marauding savages to the core. The suffering to which the conspiracy is subjugating the Muslims of Afghanistan has not beaten the Taliban into submission, leave alone eliminating them as envisaged by the master plot for that land. On the contrary, there is a resurgence in the fighting and resistance. The American plot has gone terribly awry in Afghanistan.

In Somalia, the same failure for the conspiracy is registered. The ousted Islamic government which was driven out about a year ago, is back in Mogadishu spreading havoc in the ranks of Bush's invaders. Some years ago, the bodies of killed American marines were being dragged in the streets of Mogadishu. Today, the dead bodies of the Ethiopian surrogate army of the U.S.A. are being dragged in the streets. The original plan envisaged the swift elimination of the 'Islamists'. But this plot too went sour for Bush & Co.

In brief, whenever and wherever the U.S.A. sets in motion a conspiracy, then despite the suffering caused to the people of the land, the plot is violently thrown out of gear, goes violently off course and bogs down the conspirators in the mess they have created. The suffering is Allah's punishment to jolt the errant and transgressing Muslims so that they understand their sins and evils, and then repent.

RESISTANCE

Without any exception, recent histo-

ry bears ample testimony that inspite of the weaknesses of Muslims, the world's superpowers have miserably failed to eliminate and wholly subjugate them. Regardless of the terrible punishment they are receiving at the hands of the plotters, they continue to resist. Palestine is the best example. The struggle against America and Israel has been never ending. The conflagration has been burning fiercely for the past 60 years without the Palestinians under Hamas showing signs of defeat. Those who have transgressed all bounds of transgression, compromising even their Imaan, such as Arafat, Abbas, Hosni Mubarak and others, have completely joined America and have become cogs in the plots to destroy the Ummah. Thus, in furtherance of the American plot, Egypt trained Fatah's men and sent truck loads of weapons and armoured vehicles through Israeli territory, with Israel's consent, into Gaza for use by Fatah's men against Hamas. The degree of treachery is shocking. Palestinian Abbas with his Fatah outfit and Egypt collaborating with Israel at the behest of the U.S.A. to eliminate the Palestinian Hamas fighters. But this satanic collaboration involving the world's superpower has miserably failed to achieve its goal. Hamas is strongly resisting even while Israel is repeatedly launching military strikes with its air force in Gaza. The U.S.A. plot has failed.

OFF COURSE

In every Muslim region where America has spun its conspiracy, the plot went unexpectedly off course, and the plotters are unable to comprehend. The 'apoplectic' tantrum of Condoleeza Rice and the consternation of the entire Bush administration at the unexpected victory of Hamas in the Bush-imposed elections testify to the failure of the conspiracy.

Since the Muslims themselves, including the fighters who are struggling against overwhelming odds against America and its coalition of forces, do not follow the Shariah as is required of them, they are suffering reverses, temporary defeats and hardships on all fronts. Nevertheless, there is a measure of Divine aid, hence the U.S.A. & Co. have failed to eliminate them. The day when Muslims wake up from their drunken stupor of sin and transgression will they see with open eyes the complete neutralization of every western conspiracy.

TALIBAN ATTACK PHONE MASTS

In compliance with Taliban demands, all four mobile phone companies in Afghanistan switched off their signals by night. Ten mobile phone masts were attacked. Six of them were completely destroyed. According to the Taliban, the phone networks were being used by Afghan and Nato troops to target them. They have therefore warned the mobile phone companies to disconnect the services at night time.

The phone networks have ceased to operate from 5 p.m to 7 a.m. The deputy police chief in Ghazni confirmed

that this was the result of the Taliban warning which the companies have taken seriously, hence they are complying.

Although the phone companies refuse to comment on the issue, a spokesman for the telecommunications ministry said that the (Kerzai) government had asked the companies to resist Taliban pressure. "We are concerned because the mobile phone companies had promised us that they would not bow before Taliban demand", said the spokesman.

GAZA: ANOTHER U.S. CONSPIRACY GOES AWRY

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Hamas. Staffers at the National Security Council and the Pentagon recently put out discreet feelers to academic experts, asking them for papers describing Hamas and its principal protagonists. "They say they won't talk to Hamas", says one such expert, "but in the end they're going to have to. It's inevitable."

former U.N. ambassador John Bolton, is "an institutional failure, a failure of strategy". Its author he says was Rice, "who like others in the dying days of this administration, is looking for legacy. Having failed to heed the warning not to hold elections, they tried to avoid the result through Dayton."

With few good options left, the administration now appears to be rethinking its blanket refusal to engage with

“THE DAMNED IFTAAR”

“O People of Imaan! Do not take for your bosom friends those besides yourselves. They leave no stone unturned to harm you. Verily hatred for you has gushed from their mouths. But what their breasts conceal is worse. We have explained for you the Signs if indeed you have sense.”
(Qur’aan)

Elsewhere in these pages in the report describing the U.S.A. conspiracy to sub-

jugate and ‘annex’ Palestine, appears the blasphemous comment, ‘*The damned Iftar*’ made by the damned Condi who is Bush’s most important cog in his plot against Palestine, known as ‘Plan B’. The context and details of the statement made by the damned Condi Rice are explained in the report.

Although Abbas, the president of the West Bank of Palestine, is the damned Condi’s poodle and one of main charac-

ters in the grand plot spun by Bush & Co., she did not have the courage to utter her profane comment directly to the spineless and treacherous Abbas. She waited to be out of his sight before she was able to gorge from her damned mouth the profanity of ‘damned iftar’.

Her profane utterance comes within the scope of the Qur’aan’s warning to us, viz., “*Verily, hatred for you has gushed from their mouths*”. When the damned woman mounted her armoured vehicle, she let loose what was in her heart for

Muslims. The damned utterance of the damned Condi destined for everlasting damnation, is merely a reflection of the ‘worse’ which the Qur’aan warns us lurks in the hearts of these damned inveterate enemies of Islam.

The profane utterance of damned Condi speaks volumes for the truth of Allah’s Warning: “*O believers! Do not take as bosom friends those besides yourselves....*”

RUSSIA WARNS U.S, NATO

The continued presence of U.S.A. and Nato forces in Afghanistan is causing concern to Russia. The foreign invaders have more than 50,000 troops battling the ‘rag-tag’ Talibaaan Mujahideen. Russia expressing its concern regarding the presence of these foreign forces, warns that the US and Nato should not use the pretext of fighting ‘terrorism’ for any “possible regional political or economic purposes”.

Russia’s ambassador in Kabul told BBC: “As long as this presence goes on for this end (i.e. for fighting ‘terrorism’), we have no concern. But if the military presence is for other political or economic gains in Afghanistan and in the region, then this will certainly and definitely cause special concerns.” Russia will then definitely react. May it not be that our partners have other programme under the pretext of war against terrorism.”

Besides Afghanistan, the U.S.A. has set up bases in several Asian states that were former colonies of Russia. These

Central Asian Republics (Muslim lands) are extremely rich in natural resources.

Russia is also vehemently opposed to Nato’s and U.S.A.’s expansion in its former Eastern European satellite states. It has warned the U.S.A. against setting up missile bases in the region.

Russia is now seeing itself incrementally being surrounded by American military bases and feels uncomfortable and threatened, hence its latest ‘warning’.

TALIBAAN AND MUSLIMS

From the perspective of the Talibaaan in particular, and Muslims in general, there is no significance in this latest ‘warning’ to the U.S. As far as Muslims are concerned, our illustrious Sages have said in the light of the Qur’aan and Hadith: “*Al-Kufr millatun waahidah.*” – *Kufr is one Breed.* Kufr of whatever hue and persuasion is a single entity Whether it be white kufr, black kufr, brown or yellow kufr – the intrinsic attribute of kufr is hatred for Islam. Thus, in our era we observe that the entire world of kufr of all

hues and persuasions have united against Muslims to swallow their lands and to destroy Islam. Although they will not succeed in this nefarious plot and dark agenda, Muslims are not supposed to fall into their snares of conspiracies which they engineer to bleed the Ummah with the stratagem of internecine fighting which is currently endemic in the Muslim world.

Despite Russia’s fears regarding the U.S. presence in Afghanistan, it (Russia) has joined its arch-enemy (U.S.A.) in Bush’s so-called ‘war on terrorism’. But as the haze dissipates, the American agenda is becoming more conspicuous, hence the Russian concern for its own safety. Russia will soon conclude that the U.S.A. is a common danger – a danger for itself and a danger for Afghanistan. When Russia feels convinced of the dishonest motives of the U.S.A., it will seek to create a clandestine alliance with the Talibaaan in a desperate bid to expel the U.S. and Nato forces in the same way as the U.S.A. had struck up an alliance with the Afghans to expel the Soviet invaders from Afghanistan.

For victory, the Talibaaan are not in need of the enemies of Islam. Russia and China are greater enemies of Islam than even the U.S.A. and the West in general. The U.S.A. is the lesser evil and the smaller of the two Devils. Victory for the Talibaaan and humiliating defeat for the enemy invaders depend on *Inaabat illaah* (to turn to Allah Ta’ala in repentance and to inculcate taqwa). If the Talibaaan could only make *Inaabat illaah* its chief weapon, Victory will be a swift achievement.

An alliance with Russia or China in the fight and struggle to expel the U.S.A. from Afghanistan will be a fatal error. It will be like jumping from the frying pan into the fire. The Jihad struggle must endure with reliance and eyes focused on only Allah Azza Wa Jal Who has declared in the Qur’aan Majeed: “*And for the (true) Mu’mineen, Allah suffices in war.*”

“*And there is no aid except from Allah, The Mighty, The Wise.*”
“*And if Allah aids you, then there is none to defeat you.*”

THE MIRROR

A *MIRROR* is an item of beneficial utility. It is utilized for a variety of purposes. A survey had established that in Britain the average British female, prompted by vanity, stupidly looks in the mirror at herself about thirty times daily. She carries a mirror in her handbag. Wherever the stupid woman happens to be, she impulsively and compulsively is driven to stare at her snout in the mirror, subjecting it to the repeated torture of polish and perfume. The stupid British male does not lag very far behind his female counterpart in this silly exploit. Right now, our memory refuses to assist us regarding the precise number of times, the research discovered, the British man looks at himself in the mirror. Needless to say that the motive here for encumbering the mirror is silly, corrupt and the effect of the carnal ego.

MUSLIM PRACTICE

Islam transforms all good and beneficial mundane assets and practices into *muthak-kireen* (i.e. reminders – reminders

of Allah Azza Wa Jal. Just as a *Tasbeeh* (rosary/string of beads) is a *muthakkir* (reminder of Allah Ta’ala), so too should all items of Allah’s creation be reminders of the Divine Presence and of man’s ultimate goal and purpose of his creation and assignment to this transitory mundane realm we call earth. Our concern in this brief discourse is only the *Mirror*.

Highlighting the spiritual utility of the *mirror*, Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) instructed the Ummah to recite a beautiful invocation (Dua) on every occasion when the need arises to look in a mirror. The translation of the relevant Dua is: “*All praises are due to Allah! O Allah! Just as you have beautified my physical being, so too beautify my spiritual being (i.e. my moral character).*” Even when looking in a mirror, it is *haraam* for the Muslim to liberate the *nafs* to indulge in the fantasies of vanity. It remains *waajib* (incumbent) even when looking in the mirror to retain the heart’s focus on Allah Ta’ala.

SIRRI SAQATI

Hadhrat Sirri Saqati (rahmatullah alayh), the renowned Saint and uncle of Hadhrat Junaid Baghdaadi (rahmatullah alayh) was in the practice of looking in the mirror a number of times daily. When a close *mureed* (disciple) queried the reason for this habit, Hadhrat Saqati (rahmatullah alayh) responded: “*I frequently look in the mirror to check if perhaps Allah Ta’ala has not darkened and disfigured my face due to the abundance of my sins.*”

Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) had warned that in times in close proximity to Qiyaamah, the faces of people will be physically disfigured. Faces will physically be transformed into the faces of pigs and apes as a punishment of Allah Azza Wa Jal. The perception of this terrible punishment was so vivid and profound on his heart, that it constrained Hadhrat Saqati to look in the mirror several times a day. He would be grateful and recite Allah’s praise each time when he discovered to his relief that his face had

not been disfigured.

Apart from the calamity of physical disfiguration mentioned in the Hadith, there is the punishment of spiritual disfiguration as an effect of the moral corruption of the spiritual heart. Moral corruption caused by sin and transgression, produces spiritual darkness and disfigurement which pervades even the external face and limbs of man. People of spiritual vision are able to discern such spiritual disfiguration on the faces of people. The *noor* (spiritual lustre) which is supposed to radiate on the face of a true Mu’mín is extinguished by immorality and sin in general. It is substituted by the darkness of vice, and this darkness is discernible on the physical face. But it requires some spiritual vision to behold it.

The *Mirror* with its function of producing reflections is a very beneficial *Ni’mat* (Bounty) of Allah Ta’ala which should be constructively utilized.

THE MIRROR – AN IMPORTANT USE

A *mirror* – the physical mirror – is a very useful item for viewing the physical face and body to enable one to rectify any defects in one’s attire or on the face. Similarly, the mirror – the physical object – could be utilized for ascertaining the state of our moral and spiritual condition. One method of achieving such ascertainment has already been mentioned in the discussion on the *Mirror*. However, due to the lack of spiritual lustre (*nooraaniyat*), most people lack the spiritual vision and ability to ascertain their moral and spiritual state by this intuitive method.

Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) has explained another type of *mirror* which every Muslim is able to use for discerning his/her moral and spiritual state. Correct utilization of this ‘mirror’ is not reliant on a high state of spiritual ele-

vation. The requisites for ascertaining one’s spiritual condition by viewing one’s reflection in this ‘mirror’ are only Imaan and an average Aql (intelligence). The mirror for ascertaining one’s spiritual state is the ruler/king/government.

Since rulers are the reflections of our deeds/misdeeds, Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) instructed us to react intelligently, and not to display stark stupidity bordering on insanity by reviling our own reflection which we see in a mirror. Everyone will brand as insane a man who reviles the mirror or his own reflection in the mirror. Perhaps he sees something detestable on his face or clothes in the reflected image in the mirror. In ignorance, he lets off a litany of abuse directed at his own image reflected in the mirror.

While all people will label this ignorant a madman, this is exactly our condition. The ruler/government is the mirror which reflects the image of our moral and spiritual state. If the government is ugly, tyrannical, unjust and oppressive, we are required to understand that these are the reflections of the ugliness of our moral attributes and spiritual decadence. Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) has explained the philosophy of this spiritual mirror in a number of Ahaadith.

Nabi-e-Kareem (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) said: Do not revile the rulers – the rulers are the reflection of your *a’mal* (deeds) – if your deeds are beautiful the rulers will be beautiful, just and benevolent – if your deeds are corrupt, the rulers appointed over you will be ugly, cruel and oppressive, etc., etc. When governments are oppressive and corrupt, they merely reflect the corruption and evil

of the population. It is the Sunnah of Allah Azza Wa Jal to appoint just and benevolent rulers to govern morally uprighteous people, and to appoint cruel tyrants and oppressors to punish evil and wicked people.

The solution as explained by Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) is self-reformation and spiritual elevation. Allah Ta’ala will then either reform the rulers or replace them with just and benevolent ones. We have been commanded by Islam to utilize the *Mirror* constructively for beneficial purposes. We have been ordered to use the mirror of the rulers to rectify and reform ourselves morally and spiritually, then there will no longer remain a need to insanely revile our own reflection which we see in the *Mirror*.